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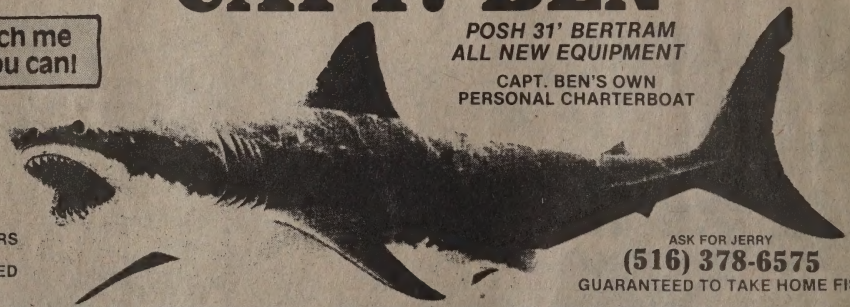

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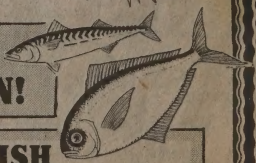

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Lake Montauk was bursting with sport fishing craft this summer as anglers came from far and wide to cash in on some fantastic offshore action. A blue marlin of 940 lbs. was the season's biggest highlight. See page 4 for photo and details. Cover photo by Richard S. Reina.

COMING NEXT WEEK: **GIANT TUNA AT THE MUD HOLE**

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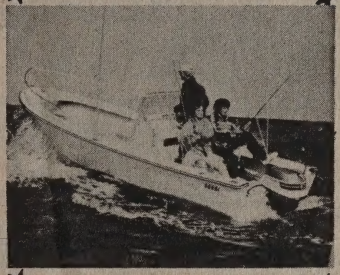

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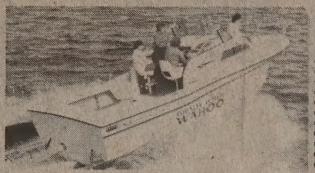

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HUGE MARLIN HIGHLIGHTS MONTAUK'S OFFSHORE SEASON

This 940 lb. blue marlin, one of the largest ever landed on rod and reel in the Continental United States, was the highlight of Montauk's 1981 offshore season. The gargantuan billfish was landed by Skip Lowell aboard the Hooker while trolling an artificial at Block Canyon. Two other blues of equal size were raised on the same trip.

STATE COASTAL BILLS PASSED

Two renewed and revised coastal zone management bills have passed the Senate Legislature. They will help to regulate development along the shore line and to protect sensitive areas of the coastS.1244A/A.1646A, the Coastal Resources Bill, details a plan that will encourage localities to use coastal resources wisely and at the same time prevent destruction of valuable ecological sites. A second bill, S.1243A/A.1645A, will regulate shore line activities to restrict development in coastal erosion hazard areas.

According to Dave Sarokin, Assembly Legislative Analyst, S.1244 had been entirely rewritten to overcome objections to earlier versions and to ensure passage. This was the last chance the state had to enact a bill to satisfy Federal requirements for funding of a coastal management program, he said. Several sections were omitted in the newer bill, including provisions for Geographic Areas of Particular Concern (GAPC). Fran Dunwell of Scenie Hudson feels this is not a significant loss because there really were no controls for the GAP's in the 1980 bill. An advisory council to the Department of State was also dropped. Sarokin believes the delection was done in response to vocal opposition by the Senate. He pointed out that the key to the new bill was voluntary participation by local governments and funding through incentives rather than restrictive land use regulations.

A second bill in the state's coastal management package is S.1243/A.1645A, "The Shoreowner's Protection Act." The Coastal erosion hazard areas outlined in the bill will be identified by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Protection for these sensitive areas will come from local governmental regulations. According to Fran Dunwell, the erosion bill remains essentially the same as last year, but with the addition of $150,000 in appropriations. Sarokin believes S.1243 is still a stringent and effective piece of legislation.

AQUACULTURE REPORT ISSUED

The growing demand for fish and seafood in the United States has prompted the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economics and Statistics Service to release a new report that gives economic data on aquaculture and analyzes the supply, demand and price factors affecting the industry.

The report, titled "Aquaculture Outlook and Situation" will be published twice a year, in April and October.

A companion report includes catfish and trout sales for 1980, as well as their commercial inventories as of February 1, 1981.

According to the report, aquaculture is providing additional agricultural revenue and jobs in some regions. It accounts for a significant portion of the U.S. supply of catfish, trout, crayfish, oysters, and salmon.

Copies of "Aquaculture Outlook and Situation," are available from Economics and Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 0054-S, Washington, D.C. 20250. Copies of the companion report are available from room 0005-S, at the same address.

BOATING COURSES AT EAST ISLIP HIGH

Flotilla 1-3 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be offering the following courses at East Islip Senior High School, Redmen Street, Islip Terrace.

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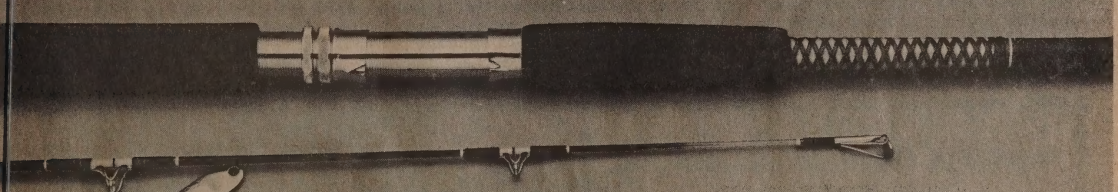

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BASIC BOATING COURSE

The Great South Bay Power Squadron will conduct a Fall Basic Boating Class for the general public. The class will be in the Islip Junior High School on October 6, at 8PM in the cafeteria, with registration on September 22 and 24 from 8-9:30 p.m., in the Islip High School cafeteria.

This course is a must for the new boat owner and a great refresher for the old salt. More information may be obtained by calling Lt. Thomas J. Barone at (516) 666-5713 after 6PM.

BOATING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP COURSE

The most popular U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, adult 12-lesson Boating Skills & Seamanship Course, will start Tuesday, September 15, 1981, 7:30 p.m., at Bay Shore Jr. High School.

This is the most extensive course given and covers all aspects of Safe Boating. Minimum age 16 years. For information or early registration, call 277-5053 evenings.

BAY SHORE TUNA CLUB SNAPPER CONTEST

A Children's Snapper Contest will be held at the Bay Shore Marina, September 12, 1981, from 8AM-Noon, sponsored by the Bay Shore Tuna Club. Anyone is eligible up to and including 15-years-old.

Participants to bring their own fishing pole and bucket or container for fish caught. Bait and refreshments will be supplied by the Club.

SUPPORT FOR WATT BUILDS

To counter extreme environmentalists, the United Mobile Sportfishermen, their four Long Island saltwater fishing affiliates, nationwide hunting, fishing and recreational organizations are mounting a petition drive in support of Secretary Watt whose policies are restoring balanced access to public lands heretofore locked up for exlcusive use of an elite few. Mr. Watt's policies support a good neighbor policy which includes access for all sportsmen, true conservationists, as well as the mobile sport fisherman. His policies will allow exploration and extraction of vitally needed minerals and petroleum in a manner that will safeguard the environment, contrary to the exaggerations of his detractors. UMS prepared bumper stickers supporting Mr. Watt are available for $1 each payable to LIBBA. Petitions and bumper stickers can be obtained from Long Island Beach Buggy Association, P.O. Box 101, Bayport, New York 11705.

IN MEMORY OF JACK "THE PROFESSOR" FRECH

It was with great sadness that The Fisherman staff learned of the passing of legendary surf great, Jack "The Professor" Frech on Monday, August 31st after a boating accident in Southold Town waters. Reports indicate that "The Professor" was pulling lobster pots at the time of the accident. No other details were available.

This hard fishing, innovative angler, who was a fixture at Montauk for many years before directing his attention to Nantucket Island and our North Fork beaches, pioneered wet-suiting at Montauk. His plug making talents were almost as legendary as the man himself and readers of The Fisherman probably remember him best for the series of plug making articles he did for us back in the mid-seventies.

Indeed he was a colorful character whose success in the suds served as an inspiration to many of us. The last time I saw Jack, on Shelter Island at the Salty Flyrodders annual Rally in 1980, his physical appearance and energetic nature belied his 67 years.

A quote from an article by him, entitled "Fish Are Free", gives some insight into the motivation behind this giant among Long Island anglers.

"Consider the place of beauty on the beach—impressive, awesome and a memory forever. Terns hovering over a breaking wave, ready to dive in a flash as they spot a small fish. The solitude, so helpful and relaxing. Not isolation from others but separation from the stress and turmoil of daily life. The little out-of-the-ordinary incidents in the night which are stored in one's mind to be treasured with other thoughts to be imagined about in future months and years to come.

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LAST WEEK'S WINNER IS:

Paul Anastasiou of Deer Park called in by the Wednesday deadline to become last week's winner of the L.I.F. Bumper Sticker Contest. He won a trip aboard the Capt Ben Litwin out of Captree.

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CANYON INFO SOUGHT

by Al Ristori

Anyone at all familiar with the fishery knows that fishing in the various canyons off our coast has been generally sensational for the past several years. Whether this has something to do with a change in the fisheries, or is simply the result of greater knowledge on the part of the anglers involved is a question which is unresolved.

Back in the mid-Seventies, a trip to the Canyon usually involved looking for white marlin, with the hope that a yellowfin tuna, dolphin or wahoo would intrude on the action. Some boats ran to the edge of the canyon to bottom fish for tilefish, and those staying over at night often fished for sharks inshore of the 100 fathom line. Now all that has changed, as anglers drag high speed lures rather than bait—and overnighters fish in the deep for swordfish.

It's likely that the various species of tuna were there all the time, but just not frequently hooked on baits trolled at rather slow speeds. However, the use of high speed lures has resulted in the capture of great numbers of albacore, yellowfin tuna, and bigeye tuna—and the white marlin hit those lures just as well as a slow trolled balao! In addition, many blue marlin are being hooked; but the formerly common dolphin and wahoo have been relatively scarce in recent years.

In order to get some sort of handle on just how many boats are fishing the canyons, and what they are catching, the New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife requested the cooperation of canyon fishermen in a survey being conducted by Bill Figley, marine fisheries biologist at the Nacote Creek Research Lab on Route 9 in Absecon.

As of July 26, Bill was able to identify 350 sport fishing boats fishing New Jersey's offshore canyons, but he estimated that there are probably more like 500. Based on interviews with anglers involving 132 fishing trips, Figley put the number of canyon trips by Jersey boats at 6 in May, 120 in June and 1,025 from July 1-26. The estimated catch in May was only 200 tilefish, while June produced 252 yellowfin tuna, 103 albacore, 43 white marlin, 35 bigeye tuna, and 35 sharks other than makos. The numbers and variety increased sharply from July 1-26. Leading the way were yellowfins with 4,233, followed by albacore with 2,983. A total of 441 white marlin were caught, along with 103 skipjack tuna, 72 bigeyes and 72 bluefins. There were only nine each of blue marlin and swordfish, plus 27 makos and 52 other sharks. These figures do not include the fish landed by shark anglers fishing the area on or near the 30 fathom curve.

During this period there were too few wahoo and dolphin caught to make any estimate. However, those species are likely to turn in in greater numbers in late summer, when the water is at its warmest. The same applies to blue marlin, which were frequently encountered during August. Albacore usually don't show up in quantity until late August, but they've been super-abundant to the east since late June and there should be some great fishing for "white meat tuna" well into the fall.

According to Figley's statistics, the average boat took about 4 yellowfins, 3 albacore and less than half a white marlin during July. Bill would like to know how your catches compare with that; and he'd also appreciate the help of all New Jersey Canyon fishermen in this survey. If you want to help, write to him at the Nacote Creek Research Lab, Rt. 9, Absecon, New Jersey 08201, or call (609) 441-3292.

Natural Lite Sponsors $150,000 Tournament in Florida

Talk about big money fishing tournaments. The latest one in Florida was a real doozy! Anheuser-Busch sponsored the $150,000 Natural Lite Kingfish Tournament, held July 30-31 off Jacksonville Beach which drew 526 boats. Top prize of $25,000 for the biggest kingfish went to Paul Hanson of Jacksonville for a 50.2 lb. king boated just ten minutes before the conclusion of the last day's fishing. He beat out the previous leader, David Workman of Jacksonville, who still received a tidy $17,500 for his 43.2 lb. entry. Gerald Bealey of Mayport took home $12,500 for the best total poundage of five kingfish: 135.4 lbs. There were also several other prizes from $5000 down for daily winners and a couple of second place fish.

In addition to the big money tournament, there was a VIP affair on July 29 that was won by former heavyweight champ Joe Frazier with a 20½ lb. king. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to promote Jacksonville as a prime fishing area and for the continual maintenance of the Jacksonville Reefs—the area's major fishing location.

What Are The Moonies Up To?

In previous columns I've noted the big fleet of center console fishing boats being built by the Unification Church, presumably for use in giant tuna fishing out of Gloucester. A good deal of light is shed on the Moonies' fishing operations in the September issue of the commercial fishing magazine "National Fisherman." According to Atlantic Editor Tim Sullivan, there's no way that the church's fishing operations could be making money. It seems that in 1976, the Rev. Moon's yacht "New Hope" and the speedboat "Flying Phoenix" combined to catch 29 giant tuna in Massachusetts Bay. The profit potential at that time seemed great, as the price was high and the resource

abundant. However, as it has turned out, the resource has been declining since then, and the price—while still high ($1.50 to $2 per pound)—has not increased in proportion to inflation reduced availability.

Nevertheless, the Unification Church is into all aspects of the tuna business, and a great many center console boats have been bought or built for that fishery. The "National Fisherman" estimates that the 20 Moonie boats fishing last year caught just 100 giants out of about 1600 taken in the fishery. That's less than four times as many tuna as in 1976 for ten times the number of boats! With all the boats fishing, daily costs were projected at a minimum of $2000 (without including any charge for the fishermen's labor) while receipts couldn't have averaged more than $1000. With 60 boats in Gloucester ready to go this season (and many more stored in Tarrytown), the Moonie fleet would have to catch about 600 giants to break even—and that doesn't seem to be in the cards with a declining fishery. Such a catch would be one-fifth of the entire quota assigned to over 8,000 licensed vessels—and about half of all the giants actually caught last year on the handline gear employed by the Moonies, plus rod and reel.

Most of the other fishing operations of the Unification Church also appear to be big money losers, but the funds keep flowing. It appears that the church made a real commitment to making money in fishing back in 1976, and they're not about to back off now despite the red ink that's been flowing ever since.

New Observers Placed on Japanese Longliners

The new foreign fishery observers contracted for through Raven Systems and Research, Inc. were scheduled to be placed on Japanese longliners on August 17. The initial 15 observers will soon be supplemented by five more, in order to finally fulfill the Congressional mandate for 100% coverage of the Japanese longline fleet. The Japanese have committed to no more than 20 vessels fishing off our Atlantic coast through September 15.

During July a total of 24 Japanese longliners fished about 90 miles southeast of Long Island, though no more than 17 were fishing at any given time. Fishing was good, with tuna accounting for 49% of the total catch. Of those tuna, bigeyes made up 79%. Only a few bluefins were taken, but swordfish made up 96% of the incidental billfish catch. A total of 265 swords were released (as required by law), but the mortality rate was around 60%. On the other hand, shark mortality was less than 10%. The limited number of observers in July tagged 92 sharks and 16 billfish. Hopefully, there'll be a great increase in tagging when all foreign longliners have observers aboard.

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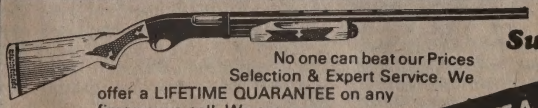

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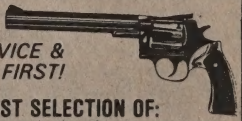

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MY LIFE AS A HUNTER: A Short Story In Serial

Part One — *by William A. Muller*

The fish was born, or hatched, in Chesapeake Bay along with millions of others in the Spring of 1963. This was a poor year for striped bass spawning, especially compared to the year before, and the one that would follow in 1964. Oh, the adults spawned alright and there were millions and millions of eggs, but conditions weren't quite right and many of the eggs didn't hatch and then there was a high death rate among the newly hatched. The end result was that relatively few fish migrated out of the bay during their third, fourth, and fifth years.

Nonetheless, Alai was one of the lucky ones. She had escaped the long nets and the predators for several years and made her first migration up along the coast in 1967. She was always an energetic and rather bright fish, but there were just too many obstacles to presume that she would continue to survive too many coastal swims. Like so many of her brothers and sisters, she cut across the New York Bight and made the swim from Maryland waters to the Long Island barrier beach in two days, stopping only long enough to eat a few sand eels, one or two small bunker, and a large soft shell crab. The schools didn't stop because they encountered no real concentrations of bait as they moved, and by the time they reached Long Island they were hungry. Alai's school worked its way into Great South Bay for several weeks in May and there they found great quantities of shrimp, killies, and spearing. They feasted but then as the water began to warm up and the bait thinned out, they moved out of Fire Island Inlet and continued to the east, paused at Montauk for awhile where there was a lot of baitfish, and then swam across to Massachusetts where the school joined other schools and spent the summer in these cooler and food-rich waters.

The summer was, for the most part, uneventful. There was plenty to eat, the fish grew quickly, and except for occasional raids on the schools by large bluefish, all was safe and secure. It was during the southward migration that fall when Alai had her first brush with death. The schools of bass moved well west into Long Island Sound following large schools of small bunker which were plentiful in those years. In the vicinity of Eaton's Neck where the school had ambushed a rather large concentration of small bunker, Alai made a wrong decision that almost cost her her life. The members of the school were feeding in a very excited fashion and fish were snapping at silver dollar-sized bunker everywhere and for the most part they weren't careful. Thus, the schools which should have been mindful of ever-present danger had their guard down against predators and other dangers.

Perhaps their carelessness was the result of the quiet and pleasant summer that the school experienced in Massachusetts waters, or perhaps it was the abundance of food and the internal drive to fatten up and swim south. Whatever, the reason Alai began to realize that something was wrong. Some of her brothers and sisters grabbed baitfish, but then were yanked upwards towards the surface. Surely, these tiny bunker weren't large enough to drag them up. She dismissed her fears as unimportant and continued to feed. Then, there in front of her, was a bait that resembled all the other baits and yet was quite different. However, she snapped at it and it was already too late to avoid the end result. She, too, was now being dragged upward and the bait in her mouth had no life. It was hard and didn't smell, and there was something stuck in her lip. It hurt; she tried to pull away, but she was overcome. Within a minute or two, she was at the surface and being lifted into this large fish that seemed to swim on top of the water and not in it. Inside this fish were two creatures that moved without going very far. Her heart pounded and the blood surged through her gills.

These were men. Alai's first contact with man frightened her and although she was now large enough in her fourth year to avoid most dangers, these creatures were different. "Let the fish go," said one of the men. "What for? This is a beauty!" said the other man. "Good grief, we have enough! Are you gonna clean all these fish?" "All right," said the second man, "The fish is hooked lightly anyway." The hook was pushed rudely from its hold and Alai was tossed back into the water. She swam immediately for the bottom and rested between several large rocks. Her gills opened and closed rapidly as she tried to regain her stability. She didn't feel too well, but gradually things inside her seemed to be getting back to normal. She looked up to see her brothers and sisters scattering in all directions and then the long, lean shadows of bluefish moved in. These were big choppers and could easily consume the members of her school. The blues began attacking the baits that the floating fish threw into the water and as they always did, they chopped up everything they ate into little pieces. Why weren't the blues yanked to the surface? she thought.

As they always did, the blues, which fed in very erratic and confusing fashion, dispersed the bait and the floating fish with the men inside also left. She was alone, save for the small lobster that looked at her from its hole several centimeters away. She could have sucked that lobster right out of its home with powerful suction produced in her large head cavity and with powerful muscles that controlled her gill covers, but she wasn't hungry now—just frightened and confused.

Alai decided to spend the night right where she was and when the sun came up she was feeling much better. She was even a little hungry. There was no sign of her brothers and sisters. They had probably continued their migration. She felt the urge to go on south, but it wasn't right all by herself. She spent the day feeding on spearing and small crabs which were abundant and on several occasions she saw the floating fish and quickly swam away. On another occasion she was swimming close to shore and although she didn't see the floating fish, she did see something to eat that didn't look quite right. It appeared hard and lifeless like the thing that dragged her to the surface. She did not eat it.

That night another school of bass moved through the area. They were a little larger than she, but they accepted her and so she tagged along. She liked her new family. They didn't dash around quite so quickly. They seemed to be more deliberate and that could mean that they would also

be more careful. She swam with them for several weeks, but something was wrong because the school moved west and something inside of her told her that it was getting late and that she needed to swim south and east. One day, the urge became so great and she would not swim one more meter to the west. She turned her back on the school and swam east. She encountered another school of bass about the same size as she in the first week in November on the eastern tip of Long Island's North Fork. The experience with the floating fish had weakened her and as she looked around she saw that these fish were more robust and fatter. The water was getting colder and although they fed steadily they also moved steadily. Alai wanted to slow down and eat more to increase the fat along the flanks of her belly, but the school kept pushing on and wouldn't let her feed the way she wanted. Perhaps if Alai wasn't so particular and careful about what she snapped at, she could have made up the lost weight. But she looked over everything she ate now and sometimes she took too long and the chance to eat it was lost. Her caution was costing her fat for the winter, but her fear of the floating fish was greater than her hunger.

She managed to keep up with the school all the way back to Chesapeake Bay and the school found a deep hole and wintered there. The winter wasn't too harsh and so from time to time the school was a trifle on the active side and Alai seized these opportunities to forage for food nearby. She managed to make it through that winter, but there simply had not been enough fat reserves to allow her to ripen and spawn and so she did not participate in what should have been her first spawning. She did watch her brothers and sisters, though, and then again, one day she noticed that same abandoned behavior, the carelessness. The bass were totally pre-occupied with spawning and they were forgetting about the predators, the dangers, the floating fish! She tried to warn them, but it was no use and the school swam into the midst of several of the floating fish and then found themselves impaled into strange looking seaweed. But her brothers and sisters could not get away and as they hung in the net, the eggs and sperm that they had worked so hard to produce trickled away in the current where they would not be useful. The floating fish with the strange seaweed took all of them except Alai and again she was alone and without a school to swim with.

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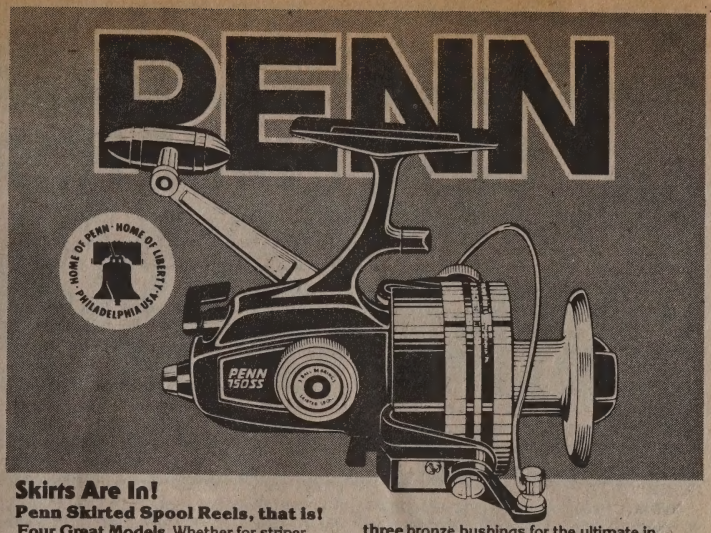

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SURF FISHING

SEPTEMBER SONG

by D.W. Anthony

September is the magic month when it's all supposed to happen. The fall surf season is on and many a surf rat has been waiting for the fish to start their migrations. Bait is moving out of harbors and inlets, predators have it on their minds to fatten up for the long winter, and small schools of game fish are beginning to join forces.

What a lovely picture one can paint of such things. The only problem is timing. Most experienced surf fishermen agree that the key to the beginning of the magic is that first strong cold front or the first nor'easter in September. These weather events lower inshore water temperatures and move the bait around. However, although we usually look for that first blow in the first or second week in September, it just sometimes never materializes or holds off until the third or fourth week.

Although the mullet run on the south shore has been only a fleeting image of what it once was, there are still those die-hard surf fishermen that religiously look over the mouths of the inlets after that first blow. One can never tell; the mullet may one day be as abundant and the bass may find them. Keeping tabs on the mullet run isn't the hopeless situation that most of us make it out to be, and each year there are a few fishermen that are at the right spot at the right time and they cash in. The reason for all the lack of optimism is that once upon a time "most" good surf fishermen benefited from the mullet run, so widespread was the phenomenon.

If the mullet run in quantity and the game fish find them, then there are a number of ways to go about catching them with artificials. If game fish have the mullet pocketed somewhere the action can be furious, and poppers, tins, and almost anything that's about the same size as the mullet will catch fish. However, such blitzes are never the rule, but the exception because quality fish just don't come that easy. Most of the best fishing is likely to be a steady pick and this will occur at night for the most part. Sure, there are those flashy daytime blitzes, but the percentages lie with the nighttime surf fisherman who religiously fishes a likely spot where perhaps he has seen mullet move in the day. At night the big swimming plugs will turn the trick. Inside the inlet mouth, such as near the rock jetty at West End II, the water may be quiet and seven-inch Rebels, RedFins can work well. Many fishermen believe that color is important and they prefer the white and blue plugs or silver-sided with blue top. The Wind Cheater model of the Rebel has become increasingly popular because of its better casting range and good fish-catching quality. On the outside in the big surf, bottle plugs may provide greater distance and better action in a surging surf or a wave sweep. There are calm nights on the ocean side, too, and when that happens those same Rebels and RedFins along with Rapalas and the rest of those pencil-shaped plugs can work well, too.

In recent years some surf fishermen have tired of the mullet chase and believing that there are simply too few mullet and too few bass have decided upon a different approach. They reason that if they fish a likely hole or trough with fresh bait that they may just intercept those big bass as they herd the mullet along the beach perhaps ever so quietly that no one is the wiser from looking at the waves. This fishing can require great patience and provide rich rewards.

In the beginning of this article we questioned what we would do if the front or storm didn't come through and the weather stayed hot and calm for most of the month. There have been years like that and those conditions do not do much for perking up the south shore action. Still the situation isn't hopeless because although game fish and bait respond to declining water temperatures, they also respond to the sun. By mid-September the angle of the sun's ray s is increasing rapidly. I've read that fisheries scientists have determined that as the sun gets closer and closer to the horizon that migratory species of fish, birds, and even insects are stimulated to begin the migration. In spite of the start of migration, the surf fishermen may be nonetheless inhibited by calm weather. The water on the beach may be too clear to expect any meaningful combination of bait and predators. Baitfish schools may pass by too far off the beach and great schools of bass, weaks and blues may be held too long at staging areas such as the deep water rips of Montauk and Cape Cod. In fact, much of the bait may escape predation by migrating ahead of the predators.

It is under these hardship conditions of prolonged calm and warm weather in September that the baitfisherman may really have a great advantage. It usually, although not always, is not too hard to find some bunker to snag in the back-side at the inlet, and if that fails we can use live eels. Why should a bait fisherman have such an advantage now? If the migration is slow, but if the advance of the season has nonetheless turned on the feedbag sign, and if there are some resident bass in the area the bait fisherman has the edge. These techniques may not work well on the front side because there may be no fish to entice, but the inside of the inlet mouth may hold some fish. The same approach can be quite successful just a little to the west of Jones Inlet at Point Lookout and then down towards the jetties at Atlantic Beach. More than one surf fisherman has found bass and blues corraling mullet and bunker between two jetties on a calm morning. I know of a few fellas that swear by pencil poppers on these occasions, but there are those who say large tin is best.

If the weather fails to cooperate and the action is slow, mornings and evenings should not be ignored as potentially productive. Blind fishing can be both a surprise and a bore depending upon whether you fish or you don't. However, fishing the dusk and dawn periods can be very useful strategy for several reasons. First, calm surf may allow game fish to pocket prey in those little out-of-the-way coves, corners, and pockets. Whereas a rough surf might make the water too silty in close, the calm allows them to forage comfortably. Second, the twilight is a great opportunity to look over the situation for signs of migrating bait and hungry game fish. You may discover where the bait is and even if you don't catch fish then, you may be able to return on the night tide and score.

A calm and warm September can offer fishing conditions that are more like summer than fall. That is, the most, or only, productive time may be during the night tides. Of course, that situation can change drastically with the first storm.

Calm weather also affords the surf fisherman a golden opportunity to learn much that will be helpful once the migration gets going in full force. Calm air and quiet crystal clear water are a super combination for studying the beach at low tide. If you combine this with a new or full moon period,

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SINKER BOUNCING

THE RIGHT HOOK

by Matt Ahern

"Say, mister, is this the right hook?"

How often have you been asked that question? Perhaps you've asked it yourself. Occasionally fishermen find this a tough question to answer simply because so much must first be considered. What makes this so is the fact that fishing is the only sport I know in which the rules of the game have not been previously decided by non-participants. If you wish to use a flounder hook for codfishing, who's to say you can't? You may not deck cod with it (you might), but no one will throw you out of the game should you insist upon doing so.

Bottom fishing is also the only sport I know which allows its participants full rein in the selection of those implements that go to make up the game. And it can make for some tough decisions. Now you take baseball. What I know about the fine points of baseball could be put into a gnat's eye. I'm told, for instance, that there are only two types of baseballs permitted in major league games: one specifically for the American League, and another for the National League. No ifs, ands, or buts. Whether this is so, I don't know, but I suspect it is.

But if you were to go flounder fishing tomorrow, no one would insist upon the exact type of rod and reel to use. If you wish to use light spinning tackle, conventional gear, or a converted billiard cue, the decision is yours.

And the same applies to hooks.

At times when flounder fishing, it is not unusual to catch occasional blackfish, porgies, etc., even fluke; but I've caught more blackfish, porgies, and fluke when using hooks especially designed for them. And that's the theme of this article: to use the right hook for the right fish.

Most of what follows will be considered "old hat" by veteran sinker bouncers. If such is the case, I ask them to bear with me. Actually, this article is intended for those new fishermen who join our ranks every day, because I know they often have difficulty securing needed information about hook nomenclature. It seems you can't see the forest for the trees. Therefore, it is not surprising that to many of these fishermen, a hook is a hook...period!

If this is your way of thinking, cease and desist immediately. My friend, there is more to a fishhook than meets the eye. It is more than a mere curved bit of tempered steel. It is the connecting link between you and the fish. It is the stuff of which dreams are made. And if you think that last statement far-fetched, you haven't seen the look upon the face of a dedicated fisherman as he selects the hook he knows will do the job on the particular fish he has in mind. The best fishermen have always been hook fanatics. Therefore, a word to the wise is sufficient.

Matt with a nice weakfish caught on a #6 Sproat hook while flounder fishing.

It is a shame that the powers-that-be-failed to come up with an easier method to designate hook sizes. What they've foisted upon us is often difficult to keep in mind—especially in the beginning. For instance, a #1 hook is larger than a #2; but a 1/0 is smaller than a 2/0. But that's the way it is. I suppose there are valid reasons for this, but I've never been able to learn what they are.

On one side of this scale, hooks used for local bottom fishing range from size #1 to #12, with most running between #1 and #10. (They go down to size #22, but these are mostly novelties and often used as advertising gimmicks.) On the other side of the scale, hooks become larger and the range is from 1/0 to 8/0 (there are larger but we need not be concerned with them). Those from 1/0 to 6/0 get the heaviest play.

In the beginning of many sinker bouncers' careers, these numbers cause headaches. And sorry to say, they aren't out of the woods yet. I will now deliver the coupe de grace.

Did you know that O. Mustad & Son of Oslo, Norway manufactures over 100,000 separate and distinct styles of fishhooks for world-wide distribution. So, you see, it is only foolish fishermen who sell the hook short. It is no mean thing in the scheme of things. (And you thought there was nothing to a fishhook!)

We fellows are lucky, though, for to be successful in our particular bottom

fishing game, it is only necessary to know but a mere ten of this vast amount. And you will find, as I have, that only two of these ten are actually required to do the job: the Sproat and the Virginia.

Following is a list of those ten hooks; and because I can't improve on what I've already written about these hooks in previous articles, I'll use that information as a guide.

SPROAT: It is with this hook that the bottom fisherman comes into his own. I don't think there is a fish anywhere in the world which accepts the baited hook that hasn't been caught on this one. Its shape is what we picture when we think of a fishhook. There isn't one of our bottom feeders I haven't caught on this hook. It is strong for its size and penetrates quickly. In its smaller sizes it is easily returned to shape when sprung. Its point tends to be soft and often requires touching-up after snagging hard bottom. These are cheap and because of this, it is best to discard than fuss. A fine hook for cod in its larger sizes. In size #6, it is a killer on flounder.

VIRGINIA: The only hook to use if you wish to excel at blackfishing. This hook has an offset hollow point and the barb quickly anchors itself in the black's tough jaw. I have never lost a blackfish due to the failure of this hook. Fine for all our bottom feeders with the possible exception of flounder and fluke.

CHESTERTOWN: The flounder fisherman's hook. The thin wire is its one drawback should a large fish be hooked. I can say, though, that I once caught a 32 lb. striper on one while spring flounder fishing in Jamaica Bay. That hook came up a little tired, but it held.

CARLISLE: This is a long-shanked hook, often considered the fluke fisherman's favorite. In its smaller sizes—say 3/0—the wire is thin enough to use with live killies. When I go wreck fishing for doormats, I use this hook exclusively in its larger sizes. An excellent fluke hook for the beginner.

ABERDEEN: This is a thin-wire hook and is not recommended for our type of fishing—except perhaps for snappers.

KIRBY: Similar to the Carlisle and makes a good substitute. Excellent for fish with needle-sharp teeth.

LIMERICK: This is the hook I often use for cod (Sproats are my favorite for these fish). It is actually the commercial codfisherman's hook and its oversize eye was especially designed for their use on trawl lines. I have never lost a cod due to the failure of this hook.

CLAW: A quick-biting hook with a rolled-in point. Extremely sharp. This hook comes in many patterns, so care must be taken when ordering. Good on the leather-jawed cod in its larger sizes.

BEAK: Similar to the Claw hook with the same good things going for it. Many fishermen of my acquaintance call this their "suicide" hook.

O'SHAUGHNESSY: Much like the Sproat in design, but heavier, often with a forged shank for greater strength. Personally I am a little "iffy" on this particular hook. My experience has shown that it takes a little doing to set firmly. It is one of the few hooks that has caused me difficulty when codfishing.

So...there you have it: ten important hooks that all veteran sinker bouncers have been using for years. As an old-timer once told me, the only thing you need to kayo any fish is a right hook.

Before I conclude this article, I want to mention this: Mustad has put out an interesting bit of information for bottom fishermen called "Mustad's Guide to the Selection of Salt Water Bait Hooks." They have sent me a supply for readers of this column. Most of the hooks discussed in this article are contained within its pages—and in actual size. There is also a bit on saltwater baits and how to use them. Nice to have.

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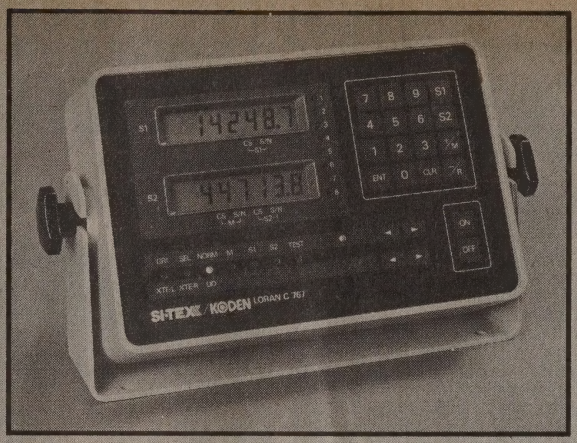

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FISHING WITH CANOES

by Bob Whittier

Some people will cause their index fingers to make circular motions around their ears if anyone just mentions the idea of using a canoe for fishing—especially on the sea. But there are any number of seasoned outdoorsmen who have landed rather large striped bass from canoes! Best summarization of the subject seems to be that while it isn't at this time considered standard practice, canoes can indeed be used for both fresh and salt water fishing.

A lot depends on the persons aboard. If they are about as skilled with their canoe as a New Guinea bushman is with a typewriter, they can quickly end up in the water while trying to land a ferocious hornpout. But if one knows how to handle a canoe with reasonable skill, the craft can serve both usefully and safely.

Canoes are becoming more and more common, for many reasons. Inflation has something to do with it. What other general-purpose craft can one buy and put on the water for as little as $300? The growing popularity of "econobox" cars is also boosting canoe sales—being both light and quite well streamlined, a canoe can be cartopped on such a vehicle very easily.

Consider the other advantages. If you can tote your canoe on your shoulders, you are liberated from launching ramps and can try your luck in all kinds of obscure waters. A canoe will float in waters too shallow for any other craft: you can poke into places where other craft dare not venture.

On a coastal bay, you can carry a canoe across the mud at low tide while trailered boats sit waiting for higher water, and get out over the channels and deep holes to get the best of the incoming tide's fishing. If you like casting from the beach, you can paddle across the bay to a sand spit, go ashore and not have to worry about a falling tide leaving a heavier boat thoroughly stranded on the beach.

The more you think of the things a canoe can do thanks to its light weight and shallow draft, the more you will think how nice it would be to have one. It could, for example, make a fine companion to your existing trailer boat. Between these two boats, you'd be able to fish many more intriguing waters.

Many people fear canoes for their reputation for being tippy. Well, there are many styles in canoes, just as one finds among fishing rods, lures, and so on. Some are designed for speed above all else. Their ends are quite fine and sharp, and their bottoms are noticeably on the round side. They cut water easily—and roll over almost as easily!

Shallow draft and quiet operation make a canoe powered by an electric trolling motor a fine craft for getting into the backwater country.

Canoes made for general use tend to have flatter sections in the middles of their bottoms for stability, and more wideness or "fullness" toward the bow and stern under the seat areas, for both stability and better ability to lift over waves. They don't cut water quite so easily and swiftly under paddle power but they are well suited to many uses—including fishing.

Some canoes made of fiberglass and aluminum has sponsons molded into the sides of their hulls, above the waterline. These can have slim, swift-paddling underbodies, while the sponsons can prevent an upset should they heel over that much. Many canoe makers offer detachable outrigger floats for even greater stability. It pays to shop around in canoe dealers' establishments.

For covering appreciable distances, canoes can be fitted with smaller outboard motors. A motor is installed on a pointed-stern canoe by means of a clip-on bracket just aft of the stern seat. One or two horsepower is enough. Watch for the canoe's tendency to roll in reaction to diverted propeller thrust, when the motor is turned. Square stern canoes can handle a little more power, up to four or five horses. Some will get up onto plane and cover distance swiftly on remarkably little gasoline.

A new idea is the use of electric trolling motors on canoes. Because a canoe hull will move along nicely under very low power, one gets a happy combination of decent operating range plus the silence that makes fishing such an enjoyable diversion.

If your interest in canoes is growing, best thing to do is read up on them. Larger general book stores with shelves of boating and outdoor books will have a few canoeing titles. Look also in outdoor supply stores. Write to Grumman Boats, Marathon, N.Y. 13803 and ask for a copy of their free booklet, "Grumman Book Rack"; it lists a large number of canoe books now available. Contact your local Red Cross office and ask how to order a copy of their 445-page paperback book, "Canoeing," ISNB-0-385-08313.

One more thing. When the water gets rough, kneel on the bottom with your buttocks braced against the seat behind you. By thus lowering the center of gravity, stability will be usefully increased and windage will be reduced.

FISHING REPORTS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

A 23 LB. 5.1 OZ. RAINBOW TROUT SET A NEW N.Y. STATE RECORD FOR THIS SPECIES. THE BIG RAINBOW WAS CAUGHT IN LAKE ONTARIO OFF SODUS PT. ON A "*CLEO*" LURE.

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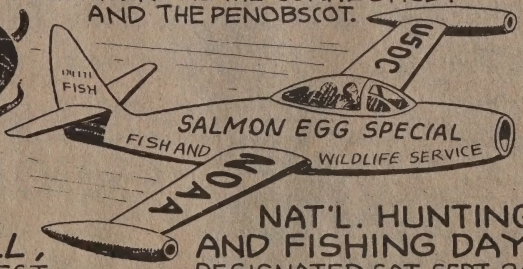
AMERICAN LITTORAL SOCIETY DIVERS WILL EXPLORE THE WATERS OF BERMUDA SEPT. 21-28 FROM THE BERMUDA BIOLOGICAL STATION. WHALEBONE BAY, LEGHORN AND THE NORTHEAST BREAKERS ARE SOME OF THE ISLAND'S FAMOUS DIVING AREAS.

SALMON EGGS, 5 MILLION PER YEAR FOR 10 YEARS, WILL MAKE A ROUND-ABOUT TRIP TO INCREASE NEW ENGLAND'S ATLANTIC SALMON SUPPLY... (1) YOUNG NEW ENGLAND SALMON ARE FLOWN TO PUGET SOUND, WASHINGTON. (2) THEIR SPAWNED EGGS THEN FLOWN BACK TO NEW HAMPSHIRE HATCHERIES. (3) WHEN LARGE ENOUGH, THESE FISH LIBERATED IN SUCH RIVERS AS THE CONNECTICUT AND THE PENOBSCOT.



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WIRE LINE ALTERNATIVE

by Timothy Tate

Have you ever landed a 2 lb. bluefish on wire line and wondered, is that all there is? It would have been much more exciting on light line. But, you say, "The fish were thirty feet deep and wire line was the only way to get down to 'em, right?" WRONG! There are alternatives to using wire line that can provide more exciting and at times, even more productive action.

One way most anglers know to get lures deep without wire line is to employ a downrigger. Downriggers have become popular in the last few years as their cost has come down. They still represent a capital investment for most fishermen. Another alternative is the use of lead core line. It does get lures deeper than conventional line, but the length required to reach a depth of thirty feet is prohibitive. Another choice might be planing devices designed to take lures to this depth and then come to the surface after a strike. Many anglers find that they interfere with the playing and landing of a fish. They also require a stiff rod due to the forces they generate.

So what does that leave? Most anglers are not aware of the appearance on the market of lures that are designed to run up to fifty feet deep on conventional line without other means. These lures are marketed under the title of "deep divers." These lures, when properly trolled, can cover the depths from the surface to fifty feet. The table lists some of the brands and types available. Some of these lures are designed for freshwater use and many require hook replacement. Some of the smaller versions are not capable of landing large fish due to their design.

The use of "deep divers" as with any fishing method requires using the correct techniques and equipment. This is what spells the difference between success and failure. "Deep diver" trolling on conventional line requires different techniques than wire line trolling.

Let's start with equipment. What you already have in the way of gear will probably work just fine. Any type reel will work fine so long as the drag is adjustable and in good working order. Line and rod selection is best matched with the size and weight "deep diver" you will use. Remember, the larger and heavier a deep diver is the deeper it runs and will put more stress on rod and line. Light shallow runners work fine on ten pound test line and a springy rod. The deepest divers may require thirty pound test line and a stiffer rod. The use of dacron line will also provide you a few more fish landed because of its resistance to stretching. It will help set the hook better on the length of line trolled.

Now that the "right" equipment has been selected, let's see how to

Bluefish taken on a plug with mono or dacron, give a far better account of themselves than when encumbered by wire line and an umbrella rig.

best employ it. The most significant difference between "deep diver" trolling and wire line trolling is the deeper you want your lure to go, the faster you troll. Yes, faster, because this puts more pressure on the diving lip of the lure and forces it deeper. There is a practical limit to the amount of speed you can use to obtain depth and still maintain correct lure action. You will have to experiment in the face of differing conditions of wind, current, and waves.

Line length also helps determine lure depth. You will have to try different lengths with varying trolling speeds to obtain the desired depth and correct lure action. "Deep divers" have an advantage even with very long line lengths that may be required, in that most of them float. This means you can turn sharply or even stop and they will pop to the surface. This characteristic does cause problems when trolling in choppy seas. Unless forward speed is maintained the lure will have a tendency to broach. This can be countered by careful placement of a light trolling drail ahead of the lure. Care should be taken so that it does not affect the lure's action. Lead core line can also be used to help prevent this problem. Drails and lead core line can also be used in normal conditions to give added depth.

Drag setting is very important in "deep diver" trolling. Many of your fish will be surface hooked and a tight drag will cause the hooks to tear out on the strike. An initial light drag setting will help to prevent this and can be adjusted as the fish is played. You may find that forward progress of the boat is not required to play and land fish using this method.

Don't be surprised if you find "deep diver" trolled fish taking to the air. Even 2 lb. blues get out of the water like marlin. Give deep divers a try; you will be pleased with the enjoyment it gives in landing small fish compared to wire line. You might also be surprised at just how effective it can be.

NAME	MODEL	LENGTH	WEIGHT	ACTION	HOOKS
REBEL					
Spoonbill Minnow	D10	3½"	1/4 oz.	F	F
Spoonbill Minnow	D20S	4½"	3/8 oz.	F	S
Spoonbill Minnow	D30S	5½"	3/4 oz.	F	S
Spoonbill Minnow (jointed)	DJ2S	4½"	3/8 oz.	F	S
Spoonbill Minnow (jointed)	DJ3S	5½"	1/2 oz.	F	S
Spoonbill Minnow	D40S	7"	1 oz.	F	S
Super Deep Minnow		7"	1 1/2 oz.	F	S
Deep Maxi-R	D95	3"	7/8 oz.	F	F
BAGLEY'S					
Striper Shad		5"	3/4 oz.	F	S
RAPALAS					
Magnum	13	5¼"	3/4 oz.	F	S
Magnum	13CD	5¼"	7/8 oz.	S	S
Magnum	18	7"	1 1/2 oz.	F	S
Magnum	18CD	7"	2 oz.	S	S
COTTON CORDELL					
Deep Troller		7½"	2 oz.	F	S

KEY:
ACTION— F = Floater, S = Sinker HOOKS— F = Freshwater, S = Saltwater

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OUTFITTING FOR THE SURF

by Fred Golofaro

The fever is contagious and each fall scores of eager anglers are lured by the challenge of surf fishing. The initial enthusiasm for some might be sparked by the reading of an article sounding out the romantic appeal of the suds. For others, it might be a positive introduction in the company of a friend wise in the ways of the sand, and who makes the sport appear deceptively simple. Whatever the incentive, many of these potential surf nuts enter the ring with a zealousness that cannot be contained until the rank of "regular" is attained.

A good percentage of these new recruits, however, find their enthusiasm brought to an abrupt halt by the frustrations suffered as a result of being improperly equipped for the job at hand. The victim in such cases is not always a newcomer to the sport either. Many experienced south shore surfmen, accustomed to the sure footing of a sandy beach, have journeyed to Montauk vowing never to return to this mecca decorated by slime-covered boulders and mossy rock bottoms. Had they come prepared with a good pair of creepers, the taste of that first Montauk experience would have been a much sweeter one I'm sure. Also, there are times when being properly equipped can make a big difference in the number of fish that wind up on your stringer or released—whichever the case may be.

Have you ever wondered why there are always one or two casters out of the crowd who manage a few more fish than everyone else? More often than not, these "sharpies" are not only properly equipped, but are also efficient machines in the process—fighting, landing, unhooking, and stringing fish.

Picture this scene at Montauk's north bar if you will.

It's been a long October weekend, with only a smattering of small fish taken by the usual weekend throngs. The wind has been hard out of the northeast for three days and you have lingered in the hope of cashing in on some fast action when the winds swing northwest and the surf settles. On what is to be your last night at the Point before heading back to job and family, all the conditions are right. As the ebb tide builds, a school of teen-sized stripers takes its place within casting distance of the bar. A few big blues are mixed with them. Suddenly, you and most of the dozen or so other casters are leaning back on arched rods. After several minutes, you work your fish in close but the leverage afforded by the darter you're using, enables the striper to straighten one of its big trebles and he is gone. Lacking a similar plug, you head back to your buggy for a pair of pliers with which to straighten the hook. A few minutes later you're ready to go again. Your first cast is greeted by a sickening snap. In your haste to get back in on the action, you've made your cast with the line wrapped around your rod tip. You must return to the buggy again, this time to replace the 40 lb. mono leader you just snapped off. You have also lost your only yellow darter and tonight, it seems that this is what the fish want. Precious time is lost before you're back in position. Working a white bottle plug now, you go ten or twelve casts before hanging a fish. Those with the yellow darters are "in" on every cast. This time, the striper is just about yours. Lacking a gaff and a stringer, you again leave the bar to beach the exhausted fish. Five minutes pass until you make

your next cast, but the action has ended as abruptly as it started. You are content with your find until, in the first glimmer of a new day, you notice that most of those alongside you had taken four, five, and even six fish. Just a few simple additions would have almost guaranteed several more fish for your own cooler.

While many novice surf fishermen are well equipped with the basics of the trade, they frequently overlook the little things that can make a big difference. In the above episode, for example, had the angler been carrying a pair of pliers in his surf bag, he would have eliminated his first trek back to the beach. A leader wallet, with an assortment of pre-made leaders tucked into his bag would have spared him a second, time-consuming trip. Making up new leaders while other casters are solid into fish can be a difficult task indeed, as it seems no one is immune to "jelly fingers" at such times.

While it is not always possible to carry duplicate plugs in your surf bag, you should keep some spares back in your beach buggy or car. While this might necessitate leaving the scene of action for several minutes, there are times when bass or weakfish will show a definite preference for one particular plug or lure and the time lost is well invested.

Any time you're fishing a spot such as a partially submerged bar where you must wade off of the beach some distance, a gaff and a stringer should decorate your surf belt. When conditions are right, fish can be unhooked and strung without ever moving from your spot. Besides saving time, the practice might also save your "hot-spot" if you happen to be surrounded by a bunch of ill-mannered hungries.

"Specialty" items such as neck lights, pliers, creepers, leader wallets, gaffs and stringers (made out of 3/8" nylon line or brass chain) are rarely given any mention by friends or tackle shop proprietors helping to outfit a newcomer to the surf. By the time a person has laid out the cash for a good rod and reel, a pair of waders and a surf bag containing a selection of lures with which to get started, you're probably talking a pair of $100 bills. Some might figure that after such an initial outlay, it is picayune to bother with specialty items we spoke about.

My feeling is that it makes much more sense to spend a few additional dollars on these items, making the money spent on the basics, that much better an investment.

If you're working on a tight budget, and who isn't nowadays, there are ways to improvise. Sandwich-size zip-lock plastic bags can be used to store extra leaders; gaffs and stringers can be homemade, and creepers can be substituted by grinding the soles of your waders smooth and epoxying foot-shaped pieces of felt or indoor/outdoor carpeting to them.

Before newcomers can be concerned with "specialty items," they must equip themselves with the basics. Assuming that initially, you will own only one rod, make it a one-piece, medium action stick between 10½' and 11½' long. Don't be talked into a two-piece rod for convenience sake. Your first concern is efficiency; hence the one-piece rod. A large capacity, quality spinning rod, similar in size to the Penn 704Z and filled to capacity with 15 lb. test mono rounds out an outfit that will enable you to work north shore beaches, south shore jetties and inlets, and Montauk's boulder-strewn shore.

This well equipped surfman is about to add a nice schoolie to his stringer.

Chest-high waders are a necessity for the surfman. Prices vary greatly, but I would recommend staying away from the cheapest brands and instead stick to medium priced boots in the $40-$50 range. If you can afford to treat yourself well, then you can purchase top-of-the-line brands such as Gra-Lites which carry a price tag of around $100.

No surf outfit is complete without a hooded, pull-over rain parka worn over the top of your waders and snugged up tight with a webbed military belt. Make sure the belt is decorated with a brass clasp and fittings to withstand the rigors of saltwater use.

Nothing makes me cringe more than a surfcaster toting a tackle box. God invented surf bags for the beach anglers and for reasons too obvious and numerous to mention, you should carry one. Constructed of canvas with a compartmented, aluminum insert containing drain holes at the bottom, these bags permit mobility as well as ready access to lures.

As far as lure selection goes, the best way to avoid needless spending is to visit with a good tackle shop near the area you plan on doing most of your fishing. Among the shops whose owners are wise to the ways of the surf are Four Winds and Ronnie's in Huntington; Dick's Sport Shop in Mt. Sinai, and Rocky Point Fishing Stop. All are on the north shore. On the south shore, Santo's in Staten Island, Beckmann's in Island Park; Long Beach Sports Marina, Wanser's in Seaford; Combs in Amityville, Smokey's in Bay Shore and J&R in Oakdale will provide help in choosing the right lures. On the East End, one needs to look no further than Speck's in Southampton and Johnny's in Montauk.

Yes, outfitting fo the surf, when done properly, can be a costly proposition. The benefits, however, are deep-rooted and long lasting. You can't put a price tag on the rewards of matching wits with a gallant game fish in the surf.

TANGLING WITH THE SPEED MERCHANTS

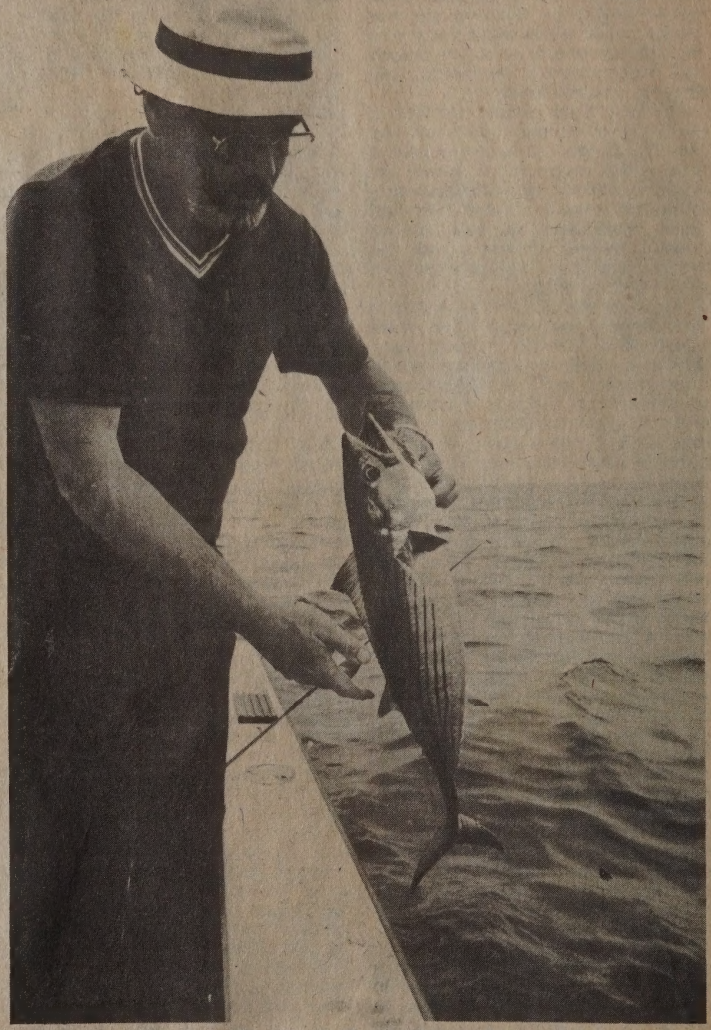
by Gerald Hahn

Whenever I read about fast game fish taken near the surface, I think of warmer regions than the northeast; of clear, shallow waters where large predators can be seen taking a lure or bait, and then performing incredible runs and leaps. But to contemplate such angling in the murky waters of New Jersey to southern Massachusetts, requires an expensive offshore charter or a well-equipped and equally costly, private boat. For the most part, the best that a head boat fisherman can expect is a bout with a blue in deep water—no mean feat in itself.

Most northeastern anglers associate real bluefishing with the fall run in October, when specimens from 8 to 20 lbs. are taken. To be sure, this gamester, with its razor-sharp teeth, its shark-like, voracious feeding habits, and its head-shaking fury, provides the greatest thrills that can be expected from the high decks and crowded conditions of an open boat.

A few regulars, however, know better. They fish for blues in late-August and September when the mid-Atlantic is at its warmest—"cooked" by the Gulf Stream and the long summer's heat. At this time, bonito, false albacore, skipjack, and blackfin, yellowfin or bluefin tuna, frequent the same feeding grounds as large bluefish. For these fishermen, catching "alligator bluefish" is one thing, but catching "bones and albies," as they fondly call them, is quite another.

I made several such trips last September, one of which was particularly memorable, out of Captree on Long Island. By 7AM the open boat, with forty fishermen aboard, made its way through Fire Island Inlet on the south shore and then headed east to the Patchogue Banks, about 16 miles out to sea in 110' of water. It was an unusually calm, sunny day, and within 1½ hours the captain anchored the boat over a spot he had been working all week. The boat's recorder printout revealed a large school of bluefish feeding heavily on sand eels just off the bottom. Meanwhile, fishermen were busy tying on two to four ounce diamond jigs, some with white or green split tails; others either all-green or shiny chrome throughout. Tackle varied from six foot rental rods with slow retrieve, conventional reels used mostly for bait, to seven foot rods with high speed retrieves, better suited to working a lure. A few people were using nine foot surf rods with lifht surf-spinning reels, and line weights ranged from 30 to 40 lb. test, with low visibility, pink monofilament



Stripes running along the upper half of its body and a mouth full of teeth, make the bonito easily identifiable.

predominating.

The jig works best when tied directly to the main line with an improved clinch knot or a Palomar knot, although some people prefer flexible wire leaders with a snap and barrel swivel to reduce the loss of lures to the blues' nasty teeth. A heavy shocker of 50 or 60 lb. test leader, however, works better than wire when tied to the main line with a blood knot. The action of a diamond jig is inhibited, somewhat, when wire leaders are used.

As soon as the horn tooted, everyone let their lure down to the bottom as quickly as possible. When the bump is felt, the reel is engaged immediately, and a rapid retrieve ensues for about seven revolutions of the reel handle, before putting the reel in free-spool and dropping the lure back again. The method is known as "jigging." Bounced off the bottom this way, the shiny metal jig resembles a sand eel (many of which were being demolished way below) hopping off the ocean floor and fluttering back. Sometimes, when the bluefish are feeding higher up, anglers resort to "squidding," lowering the lure to the bottom and quickly reeling all the way up. In general, high-speed reels with 4:1 ratios have the edge over slower reels, but on this day the bluefish were in so thick, it hardly made a difference, and rods were soon bending over from bow to stern. With forty people fishing, the mates had their hands full, gaffing bluefish in the 10 lb. class for several hours without a stop. When the activity reached a peak, anglers could not afford to wait for the mates, and instead, they gaffed fish for their neighbors while some tried the venturesome route, attempting to heft alligator blues aboard on the rod itself. Everyone agreed that the flurry had been in true blackfish form.

Just as the action tapered off, however, a school of bonito and albacore showed up near the stern. You could see the fish just under the surface, surprisingly close to the boat. As the mates began to cut up frozen butterfish and sand eels into tiny pieces for chum, the regulars—who had been waiting patiently for this moment—quickly changed spools or reels, or broke out lighter rod-and-reel combinations filled with 20 lb. test. Then they prepared "tuna rigs," amazingly simple and with unbelievably small hooks. At first glance, a tuna hook looks like one meant for scup, but it is actually a specially designed, bronzed O'Shaughnessy with a beak bend, straight eye, and extra-short shank. A 3/0 hook, which is about the largest for head boats in this area, is about the size of a quarter, and many people prefer the smaller #1 to 2/0 sizes. The strong hook is also unusual because it does not come with a pre-snelled leader. Instead, it is tied directly to the 20 lb. test line with an improved clinch knot. The smallest butterfish fry is used as bait, and the tiny hook is impaled near the eyes, and then buried in the shoulder so that the point and eye are the only visible parts of the rig—no weight is used. Bonito and tuna have large eyes and keen vision, but with a light line and a coffee-colored hook, the rig becomes almost invisible. Sometimes, when the sea is rough or the current fast, a small split shot or rubber core sinker is clipped on the line, about a foot or two above the hook.

In many respects, this kind of fishing is more exciting than bluefishing. All of these hard-to-distinguish relatives of the mackerel are among the fastest fish in the ocean. With their robust bodies and finely tapered, caudal peduncles, as well as their large, crescent-shaped tails, bonito and tuna are custom-built for speed and power. And dangerous as bluefish, too, with their fine, sharp teeth. Bonito average about 5 lbs., albacore and skipjack from 6 to 12 lbs., and the other tunas, 15 to 30 lbs., certainly comparable to the bluefish here. But the most exciting thing of all is that you can actually see these aggressive fish take your bait and zoom like racing cars peeling out of a drag strip.

Casting for these species is of little consequence because many fish will take the bait within ten feet of the boat, and if more than fifty feet of line is paid out, then it's time to reel in and try again. The reel is left open so that the bait is never stationary, and when a bonito or albacore (the two most frequently caught) engulfs the little baitfish, the reel must be engaged immediately to set the hook and prevent a burnt thumb. Many lines snap instantly, so fast are these fish. Consequently, the drag should be set lighter than for bluefish. And here again, a fast retrieve reel works best because many times, the fish will run toward the fisherman faster than he can reel. Once the fish is hooked, the angler should move with it to avoid being cut off in a tangle.

Within an hour or so, the decks were soon covered with bonito, albacore, a few skipjacks, two blackfin and two yellowfin tunas, one of which had the angler running from the stern to the bow, past 20 other anglers before he could bring the fish to gaff 20 minutes later. The tuna weighed 25 lbs. Some fish were taken on diamond jigs, as well, but those who scored the most used bait and the proper equipment: light line, fast reels, and small hooks. And when the action stopped on the surface, those unforgettable blues, not to be outclassed, returned to show their stuff near the bottom.

Check out the head boats in your area from late summer to early fall, and if the reports indicate "bones and albies" being taken with the blues, then you will know what to do: bring along an extra reel or spool filled with 20 lb. test and one of those odd "porgy hooks" for some of th fastest fishing of your head boat life.

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Montauk Report

by Stu Miller

Capt Richie Rade's **Marlin Fleet** reports anywhere from 70 to 100 mixed porgies up to 3½ lbs. for most fares aboard the **Marlin IV** which is porgy pounding off the New London shore. Also plenty of 12 to 18 lb. monster blues on the night trips to Cartwright to the tune of 20 to 30 gorillas a man. Rich will be starting all day bluefishing trips sailing at 7 a.m. daily aboard the **Marlin V** by the time this issue breaks.

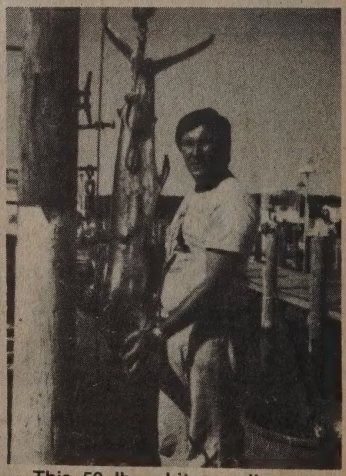
The **Viking Fleet** reports the bluefishing at Cartwright remains fabulous, fish all gorillas. The cod-fishing at Cox's Ledge remains very good with fish ranging from 8 to 18 lbs. with hangers up to 40 lbs. Porgy action also remains good while the fluking tapered off. At the same time catches of sea bass and porgies which have moved into the fluke spots, have filled the gap.

The open boats **Little Bear** and **Flying Cloud** have also been pounding porgies off New London. Capt Dusty says these are mixed fish from medium to large and high hook for the week has been 150 fish.

Capt Bud Dorman aboard the 6 man open boat **Waxed** says that porgy fishing was super for his customers right through the weekend. Five anglers have been added to Capt Bud's "Over 200 Club", disignating designating their catch of over 200 porgies on a single trip with Bud. He's been back at the dock by 3 p.m. Willie Cornell, Bronx, rang the bell with 206 porgies. John Jarvis of Brooklyn had 210 porgies. Willie Matthews of NYC did it with 204 porgies. Leon Baker of Brooklyn had 209 porgies while John Stonitsch of Northport bagged up with 216 porgies. Action has been at the Lighthouse and Bud said it's satisfaction with the porgy aciton.

Capt Zac of the charterboat **Mako Express** on Saturday fished Kevin Shannon and party, Garden City, and had 11 15-35 lb. bluefin tuna taken mostly on cedar jigs. On another trip Sunday Paul Fusco and party, Staten Island, totaled 3 bluefin tuna, 2 big blue shark. Then they ran to inshore Cartwright and diamond jigged 10 to 12 lb. bluefish on light tackle, filling the box. Zac says he still has some fall weekend dates available.

Star Island Yacht Club gives the following report for the Mud Hole area. On Sunday Gemini had a 485 lb. giant tuna. Weasel took 385 lb. giant tuna. Monday saw the boat Armadillo with 2 bluefin tuna with a combined dressed weight of 785 lbs. These giants went for herring baits. On Monday Sea Hunter had a 720 lb. giant. Aida had a 200 lb. mako shark Monday. Capt Henry Harris on the



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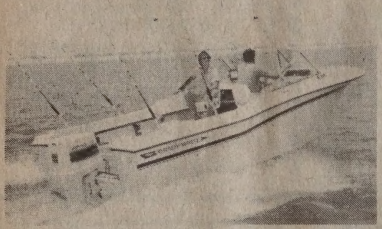

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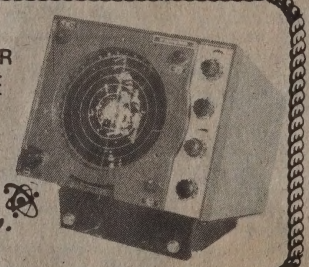

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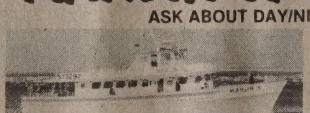

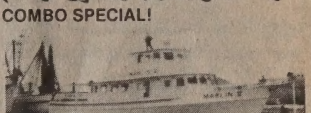

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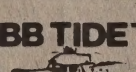

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Fred Treptow and George Buck with four stripers to 40 lbs. caught on Ava jigs aboard the Montauk charter boat "Vivienne."

charterboat **Snap Shot V** scored with a 180 lb. blue shark. The Friendship had a striped bass and a box full of bluefish of the largest kind fishing Cartwright. Porgies a very good item at Great Eastern and Cartwright continues to have super bluefishing. Don't forget **Star Island Yacht Club's** 2nd Annual Tuna Tournament coming up this weekend. See ad for details or give Henry Columbi a call.

Charterboat **Montauk** reports the Cartwright bluefishing pure dynamite on diamond jigs or on bait and that the offshore fishing also remains excellent.

Gone Fishing Marina also tells of excellent blues at Cartwright on drails and herring. Harold Foster of Montauk had 400 lbs. of blues Sunday. Sea bass at the Pocketbook up to 5 lbs. Fluke at Cartwright Island on fluke belly and sand eels. Jumbo porgies are being caught on clam at Great Eastern.

Capt Gary Kieffer of the charterboat **Barracuda** reports he's been doing very well on school bluefin tuna at the Butterfish Hole using Jap feathers. Charters are limiting out everyday (4 per man). R. Carr of Manhattan and his 2 sons hooked a 151 lb. mako and also tagged and released a 12 lb. mako. Norma Bock hooked a 720 lb. bluefin tuna aboard the Sea Hunter.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** reports that on his tuna trip for Eric BanDormolen, the party limited out with 32 fish and released approximately 20 more. On Tuesday trip, Don Camillo, age 14 using 6 lb. test line hooked and landed an 18 lb. bluefin tuna just off Block Island. Al Cuoco bagged a 14 lb. bluefin tuna also. On Sunday's trip, Paul Lang had a mako, 5 bluefin tuna of the football variety and a few bonito.

Ian McKnight with one of 5 tuna he landed on a recent trip aboard the Montauk charter boat, "Adios."

South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

HAMPTON BAYS

John Mangino of **Coor's Fishing Station** said fluking in Shinnecock Bay remains steady with catches averaging 4-5 keepers per angler. Best fishing has been in the east cut, at the Basket Grounds and in front of the Coast Guard Station. John has noticed an increase in the number of shorts this past week. Over in Peconic Bay, rental skiffs have been coming back with nice catches of porgies, along with a few weaks and blowfish. Big snappers are plentiful throughout both bays.

MORICHES BAY

From his **Hi-Way Fishing Station,** Al reported good fluking through the weekend with the best catches being made in the West Cut and at the elbow. All of the usual baits have been working well according to Al. Pretty fair flounder fishing on worms and red dyed clams at buoys 30 and 32 and snappers all over the bay. Milo Mistini returned to the station on Saturday with an 11¼ lb. weakfish taken while fluking near the inlet.

LIF subscribers Pat Riggio and Gus Bockholt fished the inlet area and took 12 nice keeper fluke on spearing and squid combos.

Gary of **Silly Lily Fishing Station** said that fluking has been a little slow but showed improvement by Monday. The three Donnelly brothers returned with 22 keepers up to 2½ lbs. taken in the new cut on the last of outgoing water. The flats north of buoy 39 have been productive during the last part of incoming. Decent flounder at buoys 32 and 39 according to Gary and lots of nice snappers all over the bay while the best bet for crabbing is in Terrell River.

Fair fluking in the west cut with 12-15 keepers per boat according to **Cerullo Brothers Fishing Station.** Best fishing has been on the last half of incoming with sand eels or spearing and squid combos the most effective baits. Snappers are plentiful and in fact, have been a pest to flukers. Blue claws plentiful in Forge River. A fea sea bass, small porgies and flounder available for sinker bouncers.

At **Skidmore's Fishing Station,** Jim labeled the fluking as pretty good at the west cut on outgoing water. He expects to see a nice shot of fish over the next week or two as the flatties concentrate at the inlet before moving offshore. Flounder action has been picking up northeast of buoys 42 and 44. A few porgies and sea bass mixed with them. At 44, squid strips fished on a high hook have been accounting for weaks in the 2-4 lb. range. Blue claws moving out of the creeks and being taken near buoy 44 so it looks like the start of the fall run for these crustaceans.

MASTIC BEACH

A good early run of flounder up to 1 lb. has developed at buoys 20 and 21 according to Gary from **Stiriz Fishing Station.** Some of the better anglers manage catches of 40-50 flatties per boat over the weekend using both worms and clams. Fluking from buoys 21 to 29 remained decent while a mixed bag of blowfish, snappers, sea bass, kingfish and crabs remains available to boatmen in the bay. On Saturday Matt and Ray Perone returned with 2 fluke, 39 blowfish, 140 snappers, 3 kingfish, 9 sea bass and a bucket of crabs. On Sunday, John and Al Pascco put away 64 flounder as well as 12 blowfish.

OAKDALE

Dave at **J&R Sports Center** said that small weaks are still available off of Heckscher and Sayville on squid strips or sand worms fished on a high hook rig. Fluke appear to be concentrated at the inlet and Dave called the fishing still worthwhile. Blackfish are starting to take hold on bay wrecks and reefs with some porgies and sea bass mixed in. Rough seas have hindered offshore fishing this past week, but Dave heard that there was still plenty of life out at the canyon for the couple of boats that made the long run. Trout fishing in the Conetquot River was slow in recent days with a few fish being taken in Bubbles Falls.

EAST ISLIP

Mike of **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** said that the Kismet Reef has been producing a nice mixed bag of sea bass, porgies, blackfish and triggerfish for sinker bouncers. Seven-year-old Matthew Einer weighed in a 2½ lb. triggerfish on Saturday. Some big weaks on live snappers at the lighthouse and wreck buoy. Judy Galletti took a 12¼ lber. at the light on Thursday. Bluefish appear to be

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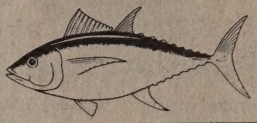

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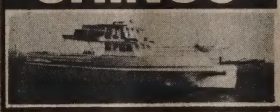

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BAY SHORE

Carl at **Smokey's Bait & Tackle** spoke of continued good fluke fishing from Kismet to the Inlet. Blackfishing is off to a good start on the Kismet Reef as demonstrated by John Peters who took 17 of the tautogs as well as 4 sea bass and a mess of triggerfish on Saturday. He used fiddler crabs. Small blues are at the inlet on umbrella rigs and weaks up to 12 lbs. at the WR buoy on live snappers. Blowfish and kingfish being taken on squid strips off of Heckscher and East Islip along with some small weakfish. Big blues on the Patchogue Grounds in 85' to 90' of water on chum or jigs. On Monday, Arron Donner ran to the area and put away 30 choppers up to 14 lbs. Albacore and bonito are in 90', yellowfins at the tower and bigeyes at the canyon according to Carl. Crabs and snappers plentiful and big at local docks.

Captain Neil Delanoy of the open boat **Casey Lee** said fluking continues good with the average catch per day being in the 150-200 fish range. Fishing is being done from the lighthouse to the inlet and some small sea bass are mixed with the flatties. High hook on Monday had 15 keepers. The skipper asked us to remind customers that his last fluke trip will be Sunday, September 13. He will begin sailing for blackfish on Wednesday, September 16 and will continue a Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holiday schecule.

Stan Bigora and Chuck Van Housen with 17 fluke up to 4 lbs. taken between buoys 42 and 43 in Moriches Bay. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

CAPTREE

Captain George Tweedy of the open boat **Capt. Scotty** said bluefishing during the day has been excellent with choppers from 10-17 lbs. being taken on local wrecks. At night, the Patchogue Grounds have been providing some very fine action with generally smaller fish, although the total catch is still made up of 50 percent of fish in the 8-10 lb. range. In addition to the blues on the day trips, a few cod including a 21 lber. have come aboard along with sea bass to 5 lbs.

The open boat **Capt. Bob Joseph** skippered by Captain Charlie Kennedy, enjoyed good bluefishing all week at Patchogue with the exception of Friday which was slow due to heavy seas. Saturday more than made up fro Friday however with super action enjoyed by all on board. With the upturn in daytime action, Captain Charlie will begin sailing daily at 7AM as well as 7PM beginning Thursday, September 10. Fluke are holding up pretty well with most of the action being concentrated at the inlet.

From the **Captree Bait Station,** Noel said the catch of the weekend was a 9 lb. 3 oz. blackfish taken from the Captree pier by Kisam Ergum who was looking for fluke at the time. Noel reminded that he will have crabs available for blackfish fans by the weekend. Some fluke to 3 lbs. being taken at the piers and snapper fishing remains good. A few kingfish and sea bass occasionally show up in buckets as well. Noel noted that the picture over at the Jones Beach Fishing Piers is pretty much the same.

The charter boat **Lady Ann** enjoyed very good bluefishing both day and night on the Patchogue Grounds this week. Saturday night was by far the best of the week with catches of 15-25 fish per man being the rule. Size of the choppers ranges anywhere from 3-12 lbs. with most fish in the 6-10 lb. category. Jigs and bait take the fish at daytime, while at night it's strictly bait.

Fluke fishing remains good from the lighthouse down to the inlet. A charter of 18 anglers on Saturday returned with around 100 keepers taken on spearing and squid. The last of the ebb and first of the flood seemed to produce better this week.

Captain Ron Peters of the **Yankee III** reported Saturday's fishing in Patchogue fair in rough seas. Saturday night was another story however, with 175 blues from 3-17 lbs. taken by a charter from the Industrial Home for the Blind. Alex Scott took the pool with a 17½ lber. Most fish during the day had been running from 3-8 lbs., although Ron heard that on Sunday, boats fishing the same area did well with big choppers. In the bay, fluke still holding up from the bridge to the inlet, with a few porgies, blowfish and sea bass mixed in.

BABYLON

Ralph at **Augie's Bait and Tackle** said that offshore fishing has not been getting as much attention as it has been due to threatening weather reports and/or rough seas. The private boats Blue Water, Miss Philly, Jen S and Irish Faker, all Babylon Tuna Club boats except the Jen S, ran to the canyon and got in some lively action with yellowfin and bigeye tuna as well as a couple of hookups with blue marlin. Inshore of the tower, the boat Culligan Man had a nice catch of bluefin tuna. Aboard the Marlena last week, owner Sam Gershaws' son landed his first bigeye

Luke Stockwell, Narine Ramlogan, and Lenny Stockwell with 45 nice fluke taken at buoy 38 on combo baits. The trio left from Silly Lily Fishing Station in East Moriches.

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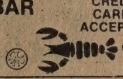

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tuna ever, a 259 lber. Blues in good supply on the Patchogue Grounds and albacore and bonito galore in 120' of water. In the bay, good blackfishing on the Kismet Reef, big weakfish on live snappers at the wreck buoy and fluke holding up in the inlet area.

Charter boat **Luci II** said fluking was on the slow side earlier in the week. A charter for Dominic Lombardy saw a mixed bag of fluke, sea bass and porgies taken on sand eel and squid combos. Offshore fishing has slowed due to a big heave at the end of last week. On a more positive note, bluefishing has been good both days and nights on the Patchogue grounds.

LINDENHURST

Mike at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** spoke of a couple of fine fluke catches made over the weekend. On Friday, Bob an Marty Ferrara returned with 35 fluke up to 4 lbs. taken on killie and squid combos during outgoing water at the inlet. On Saturday, Dick Brav fished killies in West channel to take 14 of the summer flatties. Also on Saturday, Al Speehr took weakfish of 7 lbs. and 12¾ lbs. at the WR Buoy. Paul Branino and his 9 year old daughter Loretta used squid to take 6 sea bass from 1-2 lbs. on the weekend. Mike said that lots of small blackfish are at the drawbridge in the State Channel and that snapper fishing and crabbing remains good at all local docks.

AMITYVILLE

George of **Combs Bait and Tackle** spoke of a good showing of fluke at West Island in recent days. Some sea bass and porgies were mixed with the flatties. The Amity Cut and 3rd bridge were also worthwhile. Spearing, squid and killies accounted for the best fluke scores. Blackfish are at all the bridges and the few small ones have even showed up at the town dock. George reminded that he will be supplied with fiddlers and green crabs by the weekend. Big weakfish at the 3rd Wantagh on live snappers and George knew of a 14 lb. fluke taken from the same area also on a snapper. A few big bass taken this past week on eels in the State channel by the local sharpies. Good crabbing for boatmen and snappers plentiful but a nuisance to bottom fishermen.

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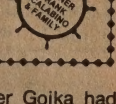

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Lon Wanser of **Wanser's Bait and Tackle** said fluke remained plentiful at Gilgo in the state channel, in Sloop Channel and at the inlet. In addition, a nice mixed bag of flounder, small porgies, sea bass, and blackfish available in the bay. Some nice weaks being taken on live snappers at the 3rd bridge and Blacks bank while blues are hit or miss at the inlet. Crabbing remains good in the area and big snappers are spread throughout the bay.

From **Pop's Fishing Station,** Danny spoke of lots of fluke in Haunts Creek and near the Meadowbrook bridge. Danny himself fished over the weekend and did very well using snapper belly. On Monday, Sever Gojka had 40 blowfish and 6 fluke fishing between the 2nd and 3rd bridges. Frank and Mike Lominica fished over the weekend and returned with a nice mixed bag which included blowfish, porgies, sea bass, kingfish and flounder. Big weakfish on live snappers at the 2nd and 3rd bridges. Crabbing remains good as demonstrated by Jack Puchalaski who took over 100 blueclaws in the Amity cut.

BELLMORE

Scott at **Merrick Tackle** said flounder fishing has begun in the deep holes of Swift Creek, Haunts Creek and Short Beach. Worms and clams work best in the bait department and chumming helps. Blues

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being chummed and trolled at the Cholera while plenty of snappers and crabs continue to keep everyone busy in the bays.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** said that very few boats ran offshore this past week. Lenny Baum took his Elizabeth B 35 miles from Jones Inlet on Monday and returned with 1 yellowfin tuna. Inside the bay a mixed bag of sea bass, flounder, porgies and fluke is keeping everyone happy. Most of the fishing is concentrated near the Meadowbrook bridge although Jimmy knew of some good fluke scores made in Rowboat Alley. Some bass taken early last week on bunker at the bridges by local sharpies.

New York Bight Report

by Stu Miller

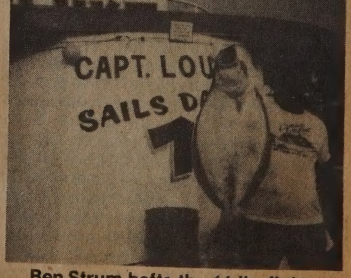
FREEPORT

Freeport Boatmen's Association reports that with Capt Jim Lanzaretta at the wheel, **Super Spray II** had a very good wreck trip Labor Day with a solid catch of cod, pollack and 18 to 20 lb. bluefish. The pool cod went 45 lbs. and was caught by Tony Cammarata of N. Merrick. High hook was 14 fish. Watch for the next upcoming cod wreck trip which will be scheduled shortly. This last one was booked solid so don't waste any time once the next trip is announced. The boat's two half-day fluke trips is producing bigger fish at the Inlet this past week. The night bluefishing is being done at Cholera, 17 Fathoms and Three Sisters with good catches most nights. Saturday and Sunday blues, weaks and a few stripers were jigged by most of the association boats. Blues ran 3 to 4 lbs., weaks 8 to 11 lbs., and bass 3 to 4 lbs. Some bigger blues up to 15 lbs. were taken chumming. On Monday the Norsman fishing in 125' of water south of the NA had 90 albies, 3 skipjack tuna and a bonito. Also on Monday Christie Lee fishing between the Texas Tower and the Noah Buoy had 1 yellowfin tuna and 3 longfin tuna in the 30 lb. class and 12 false albacore for Mike Fuld and party, Valley Stream.

Charterboat **Suzanne** fished Joe Darby and group during the week on a canyon trip. They had a 60 lb. white marlin, a 150 lb. bigeye tuna, several yellowfin tuna averaging 70 lbs., longfin albacore averaging 40 lbs. plus a 28 lb. dolphin. They also had 4 blue shark. Most of the fish were taken on green machines.

The **Aloma II** tells of very good sea bass and porgy catches once the roll layed down late this week. An occasional bluefish is also being picked on these trips on some of the skipper favorite offshore wrecks. This action should continue to improve as the days go by. The boat will not be sailing Monday, Sept. 14th, so please take note. The night bluefishing has been fair with some nights very good and some nights a pick.

Capt Richie on the **Starstream II** reports he's been having pretty good catches of mixed blues, weaks and bass. Consistency seems to be the word to describe it, though Sunday was off due to sea conditions. It's all been diamond jigs. Blues are going 1 to 4 lbs. with an occasional 12 to 14 pounder. Weaks have been going to 10 lbs. and stripers to 6. Most of the



Ben Strum hefts the 11 lb. fluke he boated on a recent trip aboard the "Capt. Lou III" out of Freeport.

action has been around the Ambrose Channels though at night Capt Chris has been chumming and baiting at 17 fathoms.

The **Capt Bill** reports he's working the fluke in the inlet on his two half-day trips and the numbers are decent. Monday morning's trip saw 7 fluke high hook. On Sunday afternoon's trip fares picked 18 to 20 fluke a drift. About ⅓ are keepers and pool fish are in the 3-3½ lb. range.

The **Capt Al** has been having very good bluefishing on diamond jigs with roughly 30 weakfish in addition each day plus a couple of stripers a trip fishing the channels. Blues are running 2 to 4 lbs. Customers are also rigging a small tube about 3' up above the jig and double headers are not uncommon. Day trips have been pretty consistent while the night trips have been hot and cold.

Lou's Fishing Station tells of the canyon trip Monday aboard Libra II for Rich and Bill Koch and Lee Schroeder. The tally was a 110 lb. swordfish, a 52 lb. white marlin, a 65 lb. wahoo, 2 bigeye tuna in the 140 lb. category, a 130 lb. yellowfin tuna and 5 longfin albies. Most of the action was at night. The Tin Can continues to hold good catches of blues, some very big weakfish and some stripers on A 27s with tails and also on tigertails. Good fluking outside Jone's Inlet on spearing and live killies. Blackfish strong at the bridges and at inshore wrecks with some porgies and sea bass mixed in. Flounder starting to be caught at the Meadowbrook Bridge and in Scow Creek. Try fishing live snappers on the bottom for big weakfish around the Meadowbrook Bridge in the evening.

The **Capt Gary** reports Sunday's bluefish charter for Joe Himbell and group saw good jigging at the channels for blues, weaks and a couple of stripers.

Charterboat **Lady J III** fished Access Systems of Farmingdale Monday for some mixed blues, stripers and weaks at the channels, then a shot at the fluke inside Jone's Inlet. Saturday's trip for Kleeban Tool Co. Inc., Westbury, worked the channels for blues and weaks for a fair pick. Sunday's charter for Phil Lopresti of Danbury CT and group had good blues and weaks at the channels also on jigs.

The **Blue Fin Fleet** reports that they had very good bluefishing all week long fishing to the west on the day trips. Blues ran to 6 lbs. and weaks to 10 lbs. with a 5 lb. striper mixed in on every trip, all on jigs. Night trips have been productive also fishing SW of Jone's baiting 12 to 14 lb. choppers.

Capt Andy on the two trip a day **Miss Freeport** is now switching to flounder on a 2 trip a day schedule. The captain had good fluking right through Sunday, with a 4½ pounder being the biggest of the week on Wednesday. The pool fish each day is in the 3 lb. class and the bigger fish are being found in the inlet.

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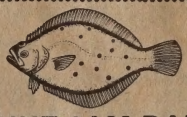

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The **Capt Lou Fleet** says the flounder action has been good. Wednesday's trip saw John DeRosa of Valley Stream with 36 flounders and a mess of porgies and sea bass on the full day trip. Flounders are up to 2 lbs. though there are a lot of small ones mixed in. As the water cools, action will escalate. Both boats are fishing locally for these mixed bags. High hook on the half-day trips has been from high teens to mid twenties. A few weakfish are also mixed in.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports that their skiffs are coming back with good mixed bag catches of fluke, flounders, sea bass and small porgies. A 9½ lb. blue was also caught on a flounder rig by one family group. The boats are going to Swift Creek around the bridge, Reynold's Channel and Fundy Creek. Snappers and blueclaw crabs are still in abundance also.

J.R. at **Sea Isle Sports** tells of the canyon trip aboard the Jo Lin for Ed Schroeder. They had 3 bigeye tuna in the 120 lb. range. Three big Mud Hole giants were taken this week, reported J.R. while the fluke remain good locally in the bays on killies and squid. Sea bass and porgies are generally running through the Reynold's Channel area.

BALDWIN

Arthur Street Fishing Station says good catches of fluke still being brought in from the mouth of Reynold's Channel, opposite the Coast Guard, off Boces in Middle Bay, the hole in the bay. There are a good number of 2 to 4 lb. keepers and boats are returning with 4 to 6 keepers a man. Lots of snappers still around. Tony Greco and pal Joey had 66 snappers up to 12 inches fishing Garrett's Lead on Johnson Sprites and sidewinders. Some porgies and sea bass in Reynold's Channel on clam and crabs remain excellent.

POINT LOOKOUT

Capt Dennis of the charterboat **Marie III** called to say that Saturday's trip for the French Embassy at the UN, he worked Reynold's Channel, Meadowbrook area and Haunt's Creek for a mixed bag of sea bass, blacks, porgies, fluke, flounders,

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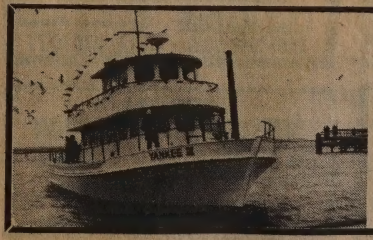

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blowfish and kings on clam bait. Slack at the bridges and moving tide in the creeks was best. Sunday's trip fishing in 100 to 150' of water SE of Jone's, fares had lots of skipjack tuna to 15 lbs., albacore, bonito and 3 bluefin tunas. One customer dropped a 40 lb. bluefin tuna at the boat. Two marlin were sighted. The boat still has a few open weekdays open in September available for blues and tuna.

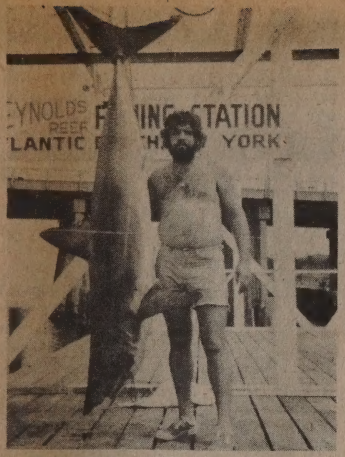
Ed's Fishing Station reports a good quantity of fluke was taken in the Inlet all this past week and weekend drifting from the Coast Guard Station north to buoy 2 with hits being scored on live killies at the sand bar, where the fish were laying. Steve and Danny McGowan and John and Bob Czarniecki of Uniondale had roughly 20 fluke a man. At Meadowbrook and Long Creek Bridges, 1 to 2 lb. blackfish are feasting on fiddler crabs offered to them. Try slack tide for best results. Lots of sea bass in Reynold's channel in the buoy 17 area with fish going ½ to 1 lb. with sand porgies mixed in. Snappers in the flats on small spearing. Lots of weaks just east and west on the Meadowbrook bridge and in the flats on live snapper weaks in the 8 to 10 lb. range.

Scotty's Fishing Station tells of a 38 lb. striper taken Thursday in the Point Lookout surf by Dave Noya of Long Beach at dawn on a rigged eel. This fish took a LIF Skillful Angling Award. Aboard the Betty Ann a 45' Hatteras, fishing at the Texas Tower, 25 skippies and several albies and yellowfin tuna were taken on green machines. Lots of blacks at the bridges up to 5½ lbs. Try the Twreck also. The rental skiffs are getting good catches of fluke, flounder and sea bass off Short Beach and from the Point Lookout Bridge west to buoy 17. Bill McGale won the station's raffle and went home with a free rod and reel combo.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Capt Ronnie Lepper of the charter-boat **Kim** says he knows of atleast 5 giant tuna taken so far at the Mud Hole west that went over 500 lbs.

These big weaks were part of a fine catch made by Bob Kurtz, Mike Kimmer and Richard Blake at the Tin Can Grounds aboard the "Kim."



This 270 lb. mako was taken out of Debs Inlet aboard the Appollo by Larry Kolbinskie. It took a mackerel bait west of the HA buoy. Photo courtesy of Reynolds Reef Fishing Station.

each. Ronnie will be starting his own giant tuna trips this week and he still has a couple of open dates available. This past week he has been having excellent results fishing between the channels and Breezy Point with weaks, blues and stripers, mainly on diamond jigs. Also some 15 to 18 lb. albacore and skippies to 12 lbs.

Al at **Reynold's Reef Fishing Station** says the biggest news this week has been the great blackfish action at the Atlantic Beach Bridge on fiddlers, fish 1½ to 2 lbs. Sea Bass a good item at buoy 10 outside Deb's Inlet. Some fluke off the high school and in the creeks along the Cedarhurst Yacht Club on killies and sand eels. A canyon trip Sunday aboard the Four Queens saw Emily Siniscalchi bag a 73 lb. yellowfin tuna and a 23 lb. bluefin tuna. A 16 lb. 10 oz. blue was caught by Robert Corbelli on his boat Houdini on Monday and Bob walks away with a LIF Skillful Angling Award.

Fishing aboard Honey's Bunch Len and Bryan Firestone, Jerry Goldstein and Ernie Rose this past week scored wtih 3 yellowfin tuna hitting the scales at 153, 84 and 71 lbs. They also had 2 true albacore of 20 and 40 lbs. This was all at Hudson Canyon.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marina tells us that Frank and Don Durando fished the Atlantic Beach Bridge Sunday and Monday and totaled 75 blackfish up to 4½ lbs. on fiddlers. They bit through the day though best was one hour on both sides of the slack. The rental boats out of the station concentrated on fluke, with boats averaging 15 keepers each. Jim Scaglione and Bob Evers had 25 nice fluke between them in the Duck Point area. Jerry Rizzutti

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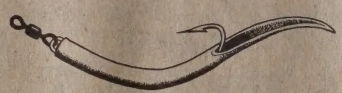

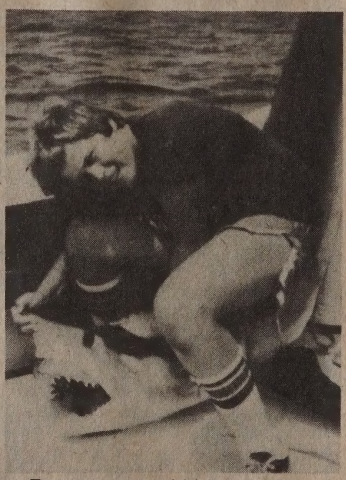

Fourteen-year-old Brian Berwind with a 200 lb. mako caught near the HA buoy on the family boat Four Winds. Photo courtesy of Skippy's Bait & Tackle.

bagged an 8 lb. fluke while Jane Reynolds scored with a 6½ lb. fluke at the Atlantic Beach Bridge area on live killies. Private boats are doing nicely on blues and weaks in the early morning and dusk hours from the AB Bridge to the RR trestle on live or chunk bunker. Clam chummers, wormers and trollers are getting schoolie bass at the AB Bridge. Snappers to 10 inches in the channel and blueclaw crabs still scrounging for a meal.

EAST ROCKAWAY

Skippy's Bait & Tackle reports the best thing going now is the blackfish at the inlet jetties and at the bridges, fish averaging 2 to 3 lbs. on fiddlers. Also try the Rota wreck. Fluke still around in good sizes at the inlets and in the channels also. Live killies seem to be working best. Flounders starting at the Meadowbrook areas on worms and clam. Blueclaws and snappers still holding strong.

ISLAND PARK

Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook tells of some weakfish in Swift Creek on live snapper. Fluke active and about ready to move out into the channels and out the inlets, so remain alert. Very good snapper action in Reynold's and off the Jone's Beach piers. Crabs still a strong item. The store will have fiddlers and green crabs by the weekend for the very good blackfishing which is going on at the bridges right now.

JAMAICA BAY

Cross Bay Bait & Tackle reports blackfishing very good at the North and South Channel Bridges and the Marine Parkway Bridge with fish 1½ to 2 lbs. average but going up to 5 lbs. Fiddlers seem to be working best on the slack tides. Mike Deery had a 10 lb., a 12 lb. and a 16½ lb. bluefish on bunker chunks in the Marine Parkway Bridge area. Mary Ogden took an 11¼ lb. striper and two weakfish up to 11 lbs. and some blues up to 10 lbs. on bunker strips Saturday in the South Channel Bridge area. Keep in mind that night fishing has been producing the most. Joe Roman took 6 bass of the sub-schoolie variety off the South Channel Bridge on bunker strips fished on the bottom. Crabs have been very good as has snappers. Some flounders beginning to show.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Dorothy B reports that very shortly he will begin fall blackfishing so keep an eye on ad for the "Big Switch". Also this is the last week of the boat's 7th Annual Fluke Tournament with Sept. 15th being the final day to catch the big fluke of the season aboard the **Dorothy B**.

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fishing throughout the week and weekend with catches consisting mainly of blackfish and sea bass. Sea bass running from 1 to 1½ lbs. taking squid and clam bait while the blackfish are up to 7 lbs. and hitting best on fiddlers. The big blow during the week put down the porgy action but Tom expects that to pick up very shortly also if the weather remains calm. He's working pet spots off Jersey and the Rockaways. The boat's evening blue and weakfish trips are catching very well and Tom says it's been a slaughter and it's been consistent on blues 2 to 5 lbs. and weaks 5 to 10 lbs. fishing local areas on jigs.

Capt Butch of the **Zephyr** says he's been having very good fluke action at Hoffman and Swindburn Islands off Staten Island Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday with keepers averaging 15 to 35 per man, both tides on spearing. Things have been tougher this past week at the Tin Can Grounds. Butch says the fluke are still in the bays so the best is yet to come as they move out.

Capt Walt of the **Flamingo III** says the weakfishing and bluefishing have been good to excellent all week fishing localy with a decided improvement on the weaks again, catching 50 to 60 weaks a day mixed in with the solid bluefish catches. Blues are 2 to 6 lbs. and weaks 6 to 10 lbs. all responding nicely to diamond jigs. The weaks also are falling to the tigertails which are either being bounced on the bottom or being brought in on a slow retrieve against the tide. There are some gorillas around in deeper water, but they are moody. Walt says you find them when they are least expected but when you look for them, they are not there. Looks like a super fall on its way.

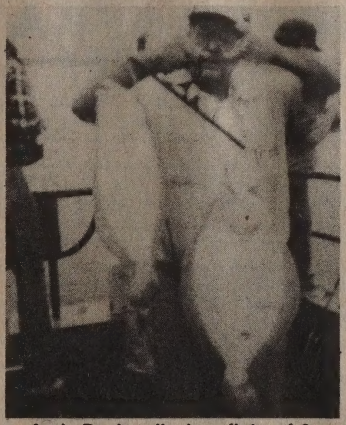
Johnny at **Mike's Bait & Tackle** reports the bluefishing has been very good though many of the fish are on the smallish side. Also lots of weaks on small Vikes and diamond jigs. Just about all the bluefish you want daytime. Nighttime the fish are a little bigger but a little pickier. Fluking has been good this past week, 10 to 12 keepers per sharp angler with fish up to 3 lbs. at the Tin Can and Romer Shoals on spearing, sandeels and fish belly. Small fat flounders in the bay off the piers on worms. Lots of snappers all over the place. Blueclaw crabs in quantities being taken off the pilings at night in scoop nets.

North Shore Report

by Martin Garrell

NEW ROCHELLE

John Palmieri at **John's Gun & Tackle** was surprised by a number of good fluke taken close to the local shores. Night fishing was still producing blues from 3-10 lbs. on bunker and mackerel chunks. Trolling white tubes was another good idea. Nobody is bottom fishing. Snappers are all over the area.



Andy Regina displays fluke of 6 and 8 lbs. caught off of Eaton's Neck on the North Star by Tom Walsh and Mike Colalucci.

The **Klondike** reported the 4 days of east winds last week resulted in picky fishing. One thing that hurt overall results were people too sick to fish. On Sunday though things were getting back to normal. They went 9 miles past Port Jeff for a good flurry in the morning through the early afternoon. On a couple days last week they jigged up some fluke. There were also some fluke caught just outside Mamaroneck Harbor.

CITY ISLAND

Capt Joe on the **Ebb Tide III** called to report very good porgy fishing, fish from ¾ to 1½ lbs. fishing off of Smithtown Bay. Catches averaging 20 to 30 porgies per man.

Jack Rumpf at **Jack's Bait & Tackle** saw some big blues taken off the Dumps in Pelham Bay. Action broke out on Saturday for bunker chunkers and for trollers with yellow plugs; biggest fish weighed 18-19 lbs. Hart's Island and the old CBS tower were areas to try for schoolie bass, and nice porgies were available off the Tower. Fall blackfishing has started at eithe end of Hart's and off Pea Island.

Captain Dom of the **Apache** had a big Sunday on porgies off Eaton's Neck. Fish were mediums. Monday found tougher fishing and the boat wound up scoring off Norwalk. Some 15 blackfish were included in that catch by sharpies using fiddler crabs. Most tautog were 2-3 lbs.

GLEN COVE

Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** told us that there were still some big blues in Hempstead Harbor. Matt Peterson had two exemplary alligators off the Barges on bunker chunks. One fish was 16 lbs., the other 18¼ lbs. Bot Stzorc hauled some small stripers on Saturday from the Sluice by Pryble's Pier, and Ron Oldenburg

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HUNTINGTON

An LIF reader, Mr. Swart called us to say that he fished Eaton's Neck Tuesday morning and in an victory at sea type of atmosphere, Chet, Frank, Bob and Art on Chet's boat had a load of 2 to 4 lb. blues on A 27 jigs.

Norm Brown of Selective Sales called to tell us that he fished on the boat Rip Rider just outside of Huntington Harbor Wednesday night and had a load of 2 to 6 lb. blues on tiger striped jigs. Four men in 2 hours had over 100 fish.

Ronnie Ferraro at **Ronnie's Bait & Tackle** said that John Munno put in 3 nights of very successful worm trolling on bass to 7 lbs. with a total of 54 fish. Fluke fishing was really good on incoming water around Buoy 13 with most fish 2 lbs. and up. Sand eels and fluke bellies were the ticket. Biggest fluke weighed last week went 8 lbs.

George Valentine at **Four Winds Bait & Tackle** said that bassing in general had been slow and there was tremendous porgy fishing off Buoy 13 with some scup running 2 lbs. Carl Jahnsen weighed an 8 lb. doormat at the station on Monday morning and Glen Sklar showed up with a 3¼ lb. Spanish mackerel taken on a jig off the Obstruction Buoy. Although there was a flurry of 8-12 lb. blues off Buoy 11B on Friday morning, most blues were small.

Packy Collins told us that the **Ever Ready** missed only two trips this week because of heavy easterlies. Four weekend anglers posted 200 blues from 2-5 lbs. on one trip, and Sunday's foray off Norfolk produced a flurry of blues to 12 lbs. A few bonito came aboard most days. Weekend catches tend to be less because of fleets of 150 to 200 competing boats.

NORTHPORT

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** cautioned that expertise counts for a lot on Eatons' fluke. Some anglers are disappointed by poor catches and by the easterly winds. Blues were also affected, with only 4 fish per boat the norm on Sunday and Monday. One thousand fisherman were crying that even the snapper action off the Town Dock had dropped off on Labor Day.

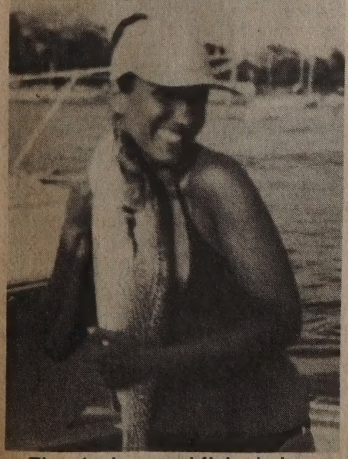
PORT JEFFERSON

Angelo Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** advised that there were still a lot of 2-5 lb. blues southwest of Can II and that jigging and trolling were both productive. Bigger fish in the 13-16 lb. range can be found off the Middle Grounds. Dave Kittle of East Setauket hauled a 16¾ lb. slammer off Cedar Beach. Porgies off Crane's, Oldfield, and Flack's Pond are generally ¾ to 1 lb., but a few of those from Crane's are over 2 lbs. Fluking off White's Beach and Miller Place has slowed considerably.

John Fisher told us of super porgy fishing aboard the **Aqua-Gem** in Shoreham waters. Catche of 50-60 per man are good, and Saturday catches ran 100-120 scup per angler. Fish range all the way from pins up to 1½ lb. fish, although jumbos are missing. Pool winners are usually fluke in the 2½ lb. class; the best summer flattie of the week went 5½ lbs.

MOUNT SINAI

Dick Brown at **Dick's Sporting Goods** was hurt by local winds, but mentioned decent blues on bunker along with bonito off the beach. Boat



The lucky weakfish being hugged by Clarine Sganga was taken, along with several others, off of Lloyd's Neck on the private boat, Sea Gypsy III. Subscriber photo.

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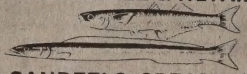

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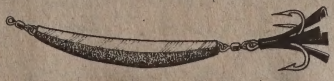

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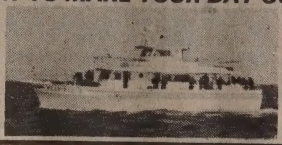

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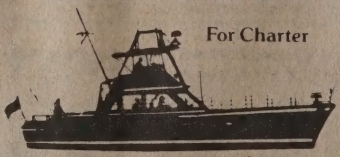

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North Fork Report

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AQUEBOGUE

Nick Cyprus at **Warren's Tackle Center** spokeof an upswing in blackfish angling off Duck Pond and the Pipeline with tautog all the way to 10 lbs. There was some action on blacks east of Horton's, too. Porgies are at peak between Mattituck Inlet and Roanoke while big blues to 13 lbs. were showing in the Gut and off the Race. Bunker and butterfish chunks were preferred, although one troller encountered a school of Sound gorillas in the 20 lb. class on white and red tubes. Cyprus also mentioned catches of porgies to 1½ lbs from the Jamesport area in Great Peconic Bay.

MATTITUCK

The best catch of tautog posted at the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** was 15 blacks to 7 lbs. The fish are in shallow water off the Pipeline. Some larger porgies have schooled up with the typical 1½ lb. fish off the Bungalows, and there were a couple of 3 lb. weigh-ins. Buoy 5 held some surprises for trollers working on small blues; Cero mackerel were mixed with those blues, and four of the macs were taken by one boat.

NEW SUFFOLK

Easterlies and extreme weather forecasts hurt both the stations, **Captain Jim's** and **Captain Marty's**. Sal Loria at the latter station felt that the porgy angling was holding up very well in the South Race, off Rose's Grove, and on the West Side of Robin's. Off the Tower came another tiderunner last week; the fish went 8¾ lbs. on the scales. Most summer weaks are still 1-2 lbs. average. Newt Robbins at the former station was happy that so many kingfish and blowfish were mixed in with the catches of porgies.

SOUTHOLD

Coe Harris at **Southold Bait & Tackle** mentioned blues of 2-3 lbs. off the Sound shores, but cautioned that fish to 9 lbs. were beached on one evening, and that several bunker chunkers suffered stripped spools.

Ace Cttral at the **Port of Egypt** said that fluke were back on the Orient Shoal in good numbers on the last two

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hours of incoming water. Flatties to 5 lbs. were in those catches. Another good fluking spot was the zone from the Orient station to the first fish traps. Flounder were south of Orient Point near the nets, with 130 fish to 1½ lbs. in the best catch of the week. Blackfish are not big yet, though there is a good pick of smaller tautog off the Light. Beautiful porgies arei n the Bight as well.

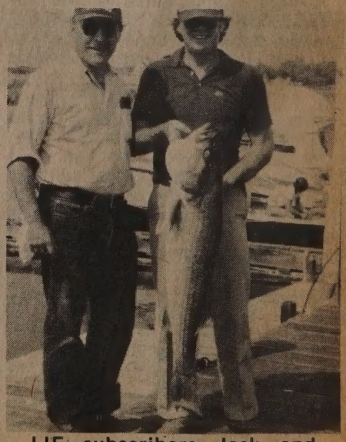
In Southold Bay some of the porgies are running 1½ lbs. to 2 lbs., and small kingfish can be found with summer weaks around Buoys 17 and 18. A couple of 12 lb. tiderunners were taken of the Shelter Island Ledges on squid.

GREENPORT

John Gutman from Babylon tells us that on Tuesday fishing aboard Capt Dave Brennan's **Peconic Star**, it was a day to remember. His party of 5 consisting of Larry, Bob and Marilyn Hoeffner and Howard Setkowsky and John Gutman had over 400 porgies and blacks with Larry winning the pool with a 6½ lb. black. John says other passengers aboard did very well also "What a day."

Richie Jensen took advantage of mixed bags aboard the **Nancy Ann** last week. Jumbo porgies to 3 lbs. came from the Connecticut side, blues in the Race ran 5-8 lbs., and Sunday's catch included 40 fluke from Truman's. John Rainis included flounder and blacks among the catch on the **Blue Albatross**, and said that the largest tautog of the week went 7 lbs.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** told us that the **Peconic Star** and the **Brand X** were knocking the #*!!! out of the porgies on the New London Dumping Grounds. These are big scup, too. Blacks are showing now off Gull and Plum Islands, and the large fish are starting. Fluking is heavy again off the Orient Shoal, and flounder are off the Point as well.



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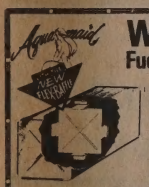
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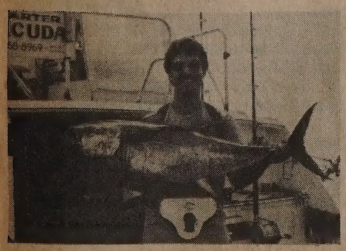
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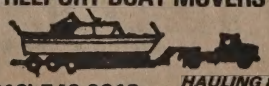
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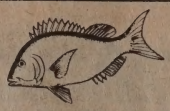

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South Fork Report

by Stu Miller

SHINNECOCK

Capt Clark Bellows of the **Capt Clark II** called to say the porgy action in Peconic Bay has been from fair to good with anglers averaging 20 to 25 fish a man. More blacks are showing each day in the Peconics. By the end of the month the skipper intends to be switching to blacks full time. Last Saturday's ocean wreck trip had to be cancelled due to strong east winds and treacherous sea conditions. The boat sailed this trip Sunday instead and it was very successful with 36 fares loading up with medium to large sea bass and humpback porgies in addition to a few big blackfish. Another ocean wreck trip is scheduled for this Saturday, Sept. 12th. Call for info.

NOYAC

Helen at **Noyac Marina** reports somewhat of a mixed bag with blowfish, porgies, snappers, flounder and weaks fishing between buoy 16 and the Monastery and also off Long Beach. Local angler Lou Graziano enjoyed this mixed bag fishing during the week.

SAG HARBOR

Capt Artie of the **Wilhelric II** tells us that porgy fishing remains excellent at New London with a minimum catch of a bucket a man. These are mixed fish up to 3 lbs. Artie says plenty of room on the boat Saturdays and Sundays so don't be afraid of being left at the dock. Fluking has been excellent, weather permitting. On Monday's trip most passengers had 8 to 14 keepers a man on squid and sandeels fishing Truman Beach. Two of the Greenport charterboats had a leap job at Trumans on the weekend.

Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

The overall surf fishing picture around the Island improved slightly this week despite a continued dose of east wind which lasted until Sunday. In addition, south shore casters were hindered by a large heave rolling ashore the latter part of last week.

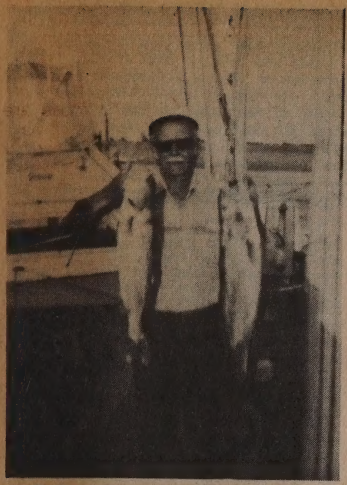
A cold front, promised for Tuesday through Thursday, along with the upcoming moon paint a promising picture for next weekend. Of course, depending on the whims of Hurricane Floyd, the weekend could also be a disaster.

This cold front could be what's needed to move the mullet out of the bays. South shore surfmen should make sure that they include some blue finished poppers and swimmers in their bags for the next few weeks.

Here's how things looked after the usual round of phone calls.

Unable to get any substantiated reports to the west of Fire Island, we'll begin this week's report in the Cedar Beach area where Great South Bay Anglers Club member Joe Chlanda reported nothing doing over the weekend. Joe made several trips to the Sore Thumb over the long holiday weekend and said that only one weakfish taken by Danny the Mailman, was landed. No mullet showing in the area as of Monday.

Over at the Captree Bait Station, Noel Kappauf reported weighing in a couple of nice stripers and some big bluefish for casters fishing bait at Democrat and Gilgo. On Saturday, he weighed a 35 lb. striper for Gus George. Tuesday morning, Walt



Native Chicagoan, Adam Campbell holds a brace of fine weaks taken south of Jones Inlet on his first saltwater fishing trip. Subscriber photo.

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Joseph checked in with a 26¼ lber. Both were taken on eels at Gilgo. Several fish in the teens fell to eels at Democrat as did a few blues in the 10-12 lb. range. For those having difficulty finding live eels, both the Captree Bait Station and the Jones Beach Bait station are well supplied with the snakes.

Out at Moriches, Dick of Dick's Bait and Tackle In Mastic Beach said that some blues in the 3-4 lb. class are scattered along the beach and at the inlet. An occasional 10 or 12 lb. chopper is taken as are an infrequent weakfish. Between cut 2 and the inlet, casters pick a school bass now and then on tin. Tin also working on the blues with the best chance of finding some activity being at dawn or dusk.

Bruce speaking from **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in Southampton told me there were few blues along the beach and at the inlet before the effects of last week's storm reached us. A big heave continued to hurt chances over the weekend and Bruce said he's heard nothing in recent days.

Speaking from his Montauk tackle shop, Johnny Kronuch of Johnny's Bait and Tackle said the big heave which rolled across the Point late last week and into the weekend kept casters from making any serious attempts at fishing until Sunday. Just prior to the roll, Gus Parios used worms to take 8 school bass including a 17 lber. out of Scotts. Labor Day morning there was a flurry of activity along the south side near Hither Hills on tin. One caster had a 30 lb. striper, while others were satisfied with some small bluefish. Jack Hone had a 15 lb. striper on a plug at Ditch Plains the latter part of the weekend. A few small bass including shorts, were taken between Jones and the Light.

Moving over to the north shore, Gregg at City Island Bait and Tackle spoke of big bluefish taken during the week in Eastchester Creek. Blues from 8-15 lbs. were taken on bunker chunks, Rebel poppers and Danny swimming plugs on the backside of Rodman's Neck and in the country club area. Occasional small bass being taken locally, but hardly worth mentioning said Greg.

From his Rocky Point Fishing Stop, Stan said on two nights last week, blues up to 16 lbs. were taken on cut bunker in Mt. Sinai Inlet. At dawn, a few of the big choppers fell to poppers. The picture along local beaches remains slow with just a few blues here and there at dawn or dusk. To the west, blues are being taken in the vicinity of Miller Place but the action has been erratic. When fish do show, usually small blues those casters in the right spot at the right time manage a few fish.

Out on the north fork, Ed of Warren's Bait & Tackle in Aquebogue reported things have been generally slow in the area with no reports of any bass or weakfish this past week. Some blues in the 3-5 lb. range are being taken on small Kastmasters at dawn and dusk along the beach at Mattituck and at Horton's Point.

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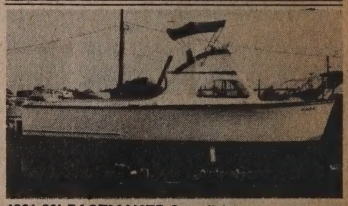

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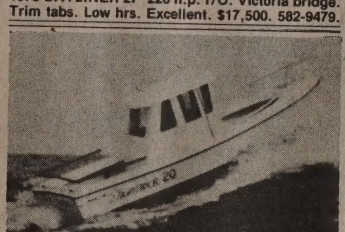

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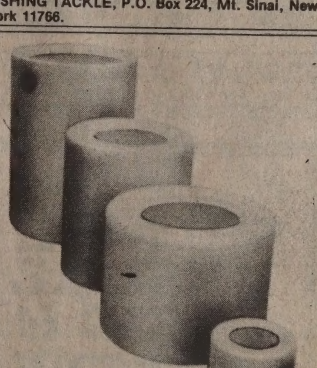

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MONTAUK—
Star Island Yacht Club
Montauk Marine Basin
Tuma's Tackle
Johnny's Tackle Shop
Gone Fishing Marina
Westlake Fishing Lodge

SHINNECOCK—
Speck's Bait & Tackle

HAMPTON BAYS—
Corr's Fishing Station

MORICHES BAY—
Hi-Way Marina
Skidmore's Fishing Station
Cerullo's Fishing Station
L & M Marine
Silly Lily Fishing Station
Tadsen's Fishing Station
East Moriches Bait & Tackle
Seatuck Cove

MASTIC—
Capt. Andy's Fishing Station
Stiriz's Fishing Station

SAYVILLE—
South Bay Fishing Station
Formato's Fishing Station

FARMINGVILLE—
Eastern Taxidermy

OAKDALE—
J & R Sport Center

EAST ISLIP—
Peppy's Bait & Tackle

BAYSHORE—
Smokey's Bait & Tackle

CAPTREE—
Captree Bait Station (State Park)

BABYLON—
Babylon Fishing Station
Augie's Bait & Tackle
Charlie's Fishing Station
Fish Unlimited Taxidermy

LINDENHURST—
Lindenhurst Bait & Tackle

AMITYVILLE—
George Comb's Bait & Tackle

MERRICK—
Nick's Fishing Station

BELLMORE—
Merrick Tackle

SEAFORD—
Wanser's Bait & Tackle
Pop's Fishing Station
Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station

FREEPORT—
Hudson Pt. Fishing Station
Hook, Line & Sinker
Arthur Street Marina
Lou's Fishing Station
Anthony's Fishing Station

POINT LOOKOUT—
Scotty's Marina
Ed's Fishing Station

ISLAND PARK—
Commodore Fishing Station

LYNBROOK—
Beckmann's Tackle

LONG BEACH—
Long Beach Marina

ATLANTIC BEACH—
Skippy's Bait & Tackle
Reynold's Reef

QUEENS—
Seaman's Bait
Shooters & Anglers

JAMAICA BAY—
Crossbay Bait & Tackle

SHEEPSHEAD BAY—
Stella Maris Tackle

STATEN ISLAND—
Staten Island Bait & Tackle
Santo's Sport Shop
J. F. Tackle Shop

PECONIC BAYS—
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Port of Egypt Fishing Station
Mill Creek Marina
Capt. Marty's Fishing Station
Warren's Tackle
Noyac Marina
Bayview Tackle
Southold Bait & Tackle

ROCKY POINT—
Rocky Point Fishing Stop

SELDEN
Angler's Den

MILLER PLACE—
Shady Gulch Guns

MOUNT SINAI—
Ralph's Fishing Station
Dick's Sporting Goods

PORT JEFFERSON—
Caraftis Fishing Station

KINGS PARK—
O.K. Bait & Tackle

NORTHPORT—
Bowman's Sporting Goods

HUNTINGTON—
Four Winds Bait & Tackle
Ronnie's Bait & Tackle

GLEN COVE—
Glen Cove Sports

CITY ISLAND—
Jack's Bait & Tackle
City Island Bait & Tackle

NEW ROCHELLE—
John's Gun & Tackle

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...–0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THUR.	5:35	6:00	6:25	6:50	6:20	6:35	7:20	7:30	9:30	9:20	9:00	9:15	5:35	5:55	9/10
FRI.	6:25	6:45	7:15	7:35	7:10	7:25	8:00	8:10	10:05	10:05	9:45	10:05	6:20	6:40	9/11
SAT.	7:15	7:30	7:55	8:15	7:55	8:05	8:40	8:55	10:35	10:50	10:30	10:50	7:05	7:25	9/12
SUN.	7:55	8:15	8:40	9:00	8:35	8:45	9:25	9:40	11:10	11:30	11:15	11:35	7:50	8:10	9/13
MON.	8:35	9:00	9:20	9:45	9:15	9:30	10:05	10:25	11:55	–	11:55	–	8:35	8:55	9/14
TUE.	9:20	9:45	10:05	10:25	9:55	10:15	10:50	11:15	12:10	12:35	12:20	12:40	9:20	9:40	9/15
WED.	10:05	10:30	10:50	11:10	10:45	11:05	11:35	–	12:55	1:20	1:05	1:25	10:05	10:25	9/16
THUR.	10:55	11:25	11:40	–	11:35	–	12:00	12:25	1:45	2:05	1:55	2:15	10:55	11:20	9/17

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Manfoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

9/11	6:36	7:17
9/12	6:37	7:15
9/13	6:38	7:14
9/14	6:39	7:12
9/15	6:40	7:10
9/16	6:41	7:08
9/17	6:42	7:07

Moonrise/Moonset

9/11	6:06PM	3:31AM
9/12	6:43PM	4:36AM
9/13	7:18PM	5:44AM
9/14	7:51PM	6:54AM
9/15	8:23PM	8:04AM
9/16	8:57PM	9:16AM
9/17	9:33PM	10:28AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
9/28	9/6	9/14	9/20

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SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	2:30	8:40	2:50	9:05
Fri.	3:20	9:25	3:35	9:50
Sat.	4:05	10:15	4:25	10:40
Sun.	4:55	11:05	5:15	11:30
Mon.	5:45	11:50	6:00	—
Tues.	6:30	12:15	6:55	12:45
Wed.	7:25	1:15	8:00	1:45
Thurs.	8:25	2:15	9:00	2:45

Warren County
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Lake George Region

BIG GAME

* Black Bear *
* Trophy Bucks *
* Eastern Coyotes *

SMALL GAME

Snowshoe Rabbit
Ruffed Grouse
Woodcock

PLUS SUPER FALL FISHING

* Smallmouth Bass *
* Largemouth Bass *
Landlocked Salmon
* Lake Trout *
* Northern Pike *
Rainbow Trout
Pickerel
Walleyes

HUNT

* THE BIG 3 *

FISH

THE SUPER 5

Plan a Fall "Double Header" in WARREN COUNTY, NY

"The Big 3"...Black Bear, the famous Adirondack Buck, and the Eastern Coyote...You'll find them all in Warren County, New York on some of the best and wildest big game country in the Northeast.

Don't expect easy hunting! You get up at the break of dawn, hunt hard all day, then return to a wilderness tent camp tired and aching. Chances are you didn't score and probably won't until you start thinking "Adirondack". Oh, you'll live good, eat like a lumberjack, and bond friendships that will last a lifetime...You'll also be learning.

Then one day it will happen...A ten point buck moves across your sights, a 500 pound Black Bear steps into view or a large Eastern Mountain Coyote lopes quietly past your deer watch.

Suddenly, it's all worth it. The long hours, the aching muscles, the endless waiting is forgotten. From this time on, you stand a little taller, walk a little surer...you're now a "Adirondack Hunter".

Warren County, along with great "gunning" also offers hunters one of the longest big game seasons in the nation. The combined archery, muzzel loading, and regular deer season totals 10 weeks. The Black Bear season, which runs concurrently is open 11 weeks. The Eastern Coyote season, listed under small game, from October 24 into next March.

Special Fishing Bonus...

Warren County is known as "Grand Slam Fishing Country" by serious sportfishermen. They travel to the "Big G" (Lake George) and dozens of other high opportunity waterways each year to enjoy sportfishing at its best. In recent years hunter/fishermen have made their annual hunting safari to Warren County a "Double Header" vacation. They set aside some time to enjoy the great fishing along with their hunting. The end result, a super trip in great hunting/fishing country.

For detailed information on hunting and fishing in Warren County, New York write: **Hunt/Fish, Warren County Dept. of Tourism, 866; Municipal Building; Lake George Road; Lake George, N.Y. 12845.**

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